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TOWN OF NEEDHAM
1955

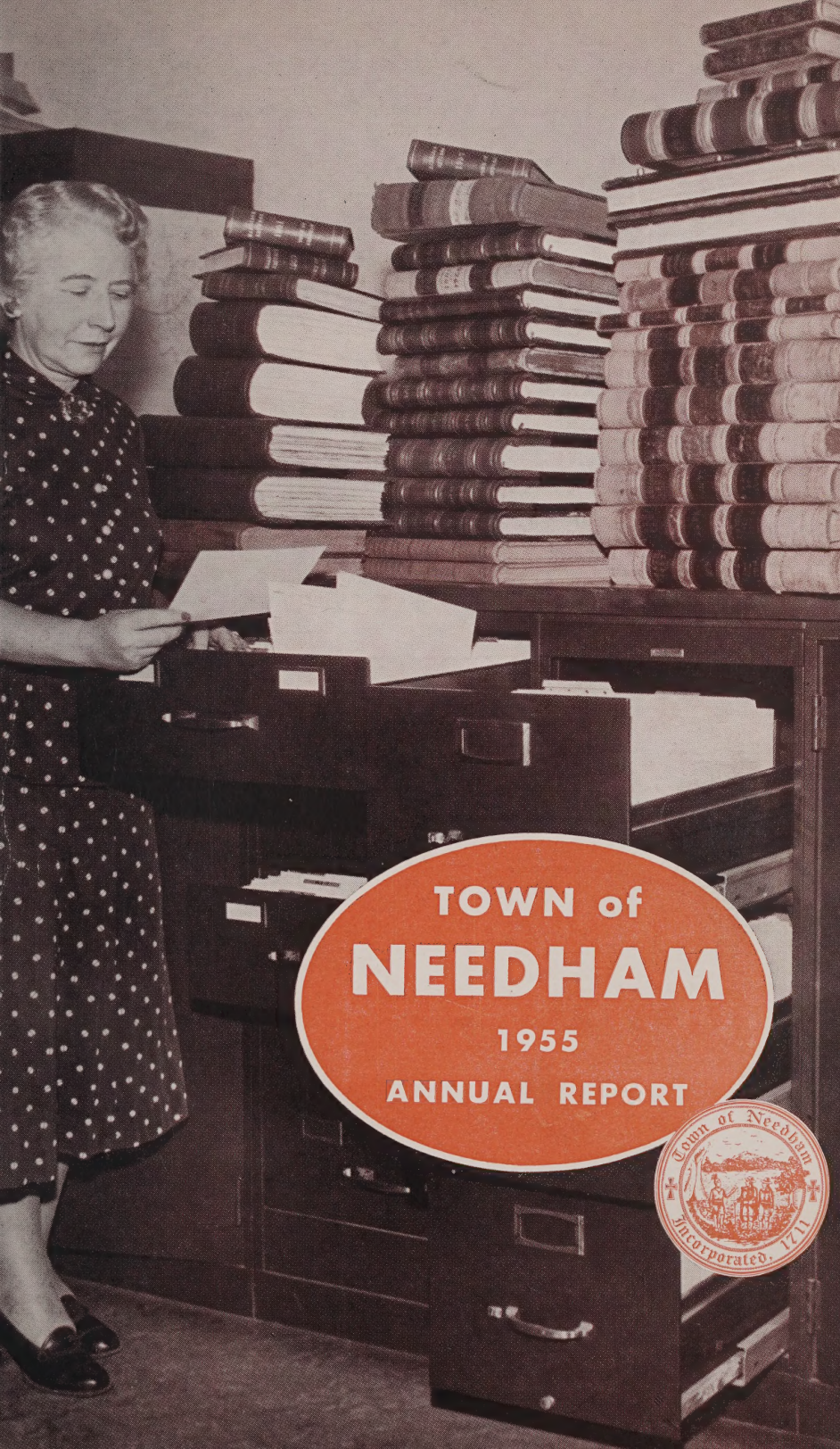
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ABOVE: Mr. Thomas Sutton was Town Clerk from 1897 through 1922. He conducted the business of Town Clerk from his market.

BELOW: A section of the business district in Needham during Mr. Sutton's time. His market was located beyond the electrician sign. View is on Great Plain Avenue, looking east. Note railroad crossing signal at left.



BOTTOM: Town Clerk activity today is conducted from this cheerful office in the Town Hall. At her desk, left, is Mrs. Marian S. Peterson, with Mrs. Ernest Dimock, center, and Mrs. Lester Bryant, right, Assistant Town Clerk.



COVER PICTURE: Mrs. Marian S. Peterson, Town Clerk, stands beside a small number of the town records in her care. **BACK COVER:** Special Town Meeting at the High School deliberates a

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Under direction of your Board of Selectmen
a Town Report Committee has endeavored to present
in readable form, the essential facts with regard
to the activities of your Town Government
during the year 1955

Of General Interest

Needham was incorporated as a Town on November 5, 1711.

Situation: About 10 miles southwest of Boston. Geodetic position of Town Hall: Latitude $42^{\circ}-16'-51.568''$, Longitude $71^{\circ}-14'-13.048''$.

Population: 21,560 (1955 State Census).

Area: Approximately 12.75 square miles.

Elevation: 85 feet above sea level at Rosemary Meadows, 180 feet at Needham Square and 300 feet in the Birds Hill section.

Assessed Valuation: \$51,746,496.00, Real Estate only—\$2,394,575.00, Personal Property Total, \$54,141,071.00.

Tax Rate: \$50.00

Town Hall: Built in 1902. Frank J. Dermody, custodian. Phone NEEdham 3-1518.

Offices Open Tuesday Evening: Offices of Selectmen, Assessors, Town Clerk, Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Probate Court: (for returning cases) Dedham: First, Third and Fifth Wednesdays, except August. Third Wednesday in August. Quincy, Second Wednesday and Fourth Monday of every month, except August. Brookline, Fourth Wednesday of every month, except August.

Senators in Congress: Leverett Saltonstall and John F. Kennedy.

State Senator: Leslie B. Cutler of Needham (Second Norfolk District).

Representative in Congress: Richard B. Wigglesworth of Milton (Thirteenth Congressional District).

Representatives in General Court: Harold Putnam of Needham, Francis A. Harding of Dedham (Sixth Norfolk District).

Member of Governor's Council: Charles J. Gabriel (Second Councillor District).

Qualifications for Registration as Voters: Must be 21 years of age, American born or fully naturalized, and have resided in Massachusetts one year and Needham six months. Registration Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday evenings, at the office of the Town Clerk. Special evening Sessions of Registrars held preceding elections.

Absentee Voting: State, National and Town Elections.

Dog Licenses: All dog licenses expire March 31st. A dog should be licensed when three months old. Fees: Male \$2 — Female \$5 — Spayed \$2.

Tax Bills: Due and payable July 1st. Interest will be added according to law from October 1st on bills unpaid after November 1st. Poll, motor excise and water bills are due thirty days from date of issuance.

Board of Health: Householders shall report to the Board of Health all cases of communicable diseases, unless a physician is in attendance.

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FEATURE DEPARTMENT:

Town Clerk

MARIAN S. PETERSON, *Town Clerk*



	Employees	Budget	Expenditure
1930	2	\$1,200.	\$1,187.
1950	2	6,320.	6,270.
1953	2	7,950.	7,737.
1954	2	8,173.	8,053.
1955	2	8,753.	8,609.

Needham Town Clerks share with the Selectmen a proud tradition. These two offices are the oldest elective positions in the town service, having existed continuously since the incorporation of the town in 1711.

First in the line of those who have held the office was Timothy Kingsbery. Mr. Kingsbery was chosen Town Clerk at the first meeting of the inhabitants after Needham broke away from Dedham to become a town in its own right. His record of the action taken at that meeting of December 4, 1711, shows the Town's first vote to have been:

"It was voted in the affirmative that trist should be made in the way of prescription whatt every one would give freely for the maintenance of gospell ministere amoungst us for the nextt four months and apone triall appearede so likely to do as thatt it was voted in the affirmative thatt the prescriberes names and whatt they hade sitt downe to give for thee maintineng of the Gospell ministere for the nextt foure monthes should be entred in the towne Book thatt itt mightt be gathered by the consttabelle if any tannott care to paye whatt they ffreely have sitt downe to give."

Mr. Kingsbery was one of the "prescriberes." He "sitt himself downe to paye" six shillings.

The next act of the first meeting was to name a "comity" to select "pleace for the buerring of the dead in this town."

After the residents had disposed of these affairs they appointed another "comity", charging this one with the duty of finding a site for a meeting place.

Things weren't much different in the early 1700's than they are right now. The study group which set out to select a site for a meeting place reported to a series of town meetings before agreement was reached.

Sometimes people comment that the clerk's job must be dull, concerned as it is with keeping statistics of births, deaths and marriages, recording the vote at elections, issuing numerous licenses and permits.

Viewed simply as chores, perhaps there is little glamour in such tasks. As the record of the hopes, aspirations, accomplishments, opinions and actions of people, the otherwise dry documents take on a humanness which comes through clearly in many instances.

Clues to the sort of people who called Needham home long ago are set forth in the clerk's records in language of simple dignity and impressive sincerity.

Some of the urgency of affairs in the days just before the birth of America as a nation is apparent in such votes as one which appears in the record for August 31, 1774. Through it a committee was established to attend a county convention in Dedham to "deliberate and determine upon all matters as the Distressed Circumstances of this Province may Require."

Again, the nature of the farmers, tradespeople and the scattering of scholars who formed Needham's population in Revolutionary days is displayed through an article in the warrant for a special town meeting held June 24, 1776. The statesmen of what was soon to be a new country were meeting in Philadelphia to draw up and debate a declaration of independence from British rule. Their counterparts in the little town of Needham sent out a ringing assurance that they would back the Congress, putting it in these words:

"It was put to the Vote of the Town; To See if it be the mind of the Inhabitants of the town to Instruct and Advise their present Representative That if the Honourable Congress for the Safety of the United Colonies Declare them Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain that they the Said Inhabitants will Solemnly Engage with their Lives and Fortunes to Support them in ye Measure.

"And it past in the affirmative."

As a sequel to that vote it must have given Town Clerk Lieut. Robert Fuller a great sense of pride when he followed the instructions of the Congress later in 1776 and copied painstakingly into the town book the Declaration in full.

Something of what it meant to Needham people to support the Revolution is found in countless entries which list payments to soldiers serving in the militia or in the Continental Army. It would be an almost unending task to try to arrive at a total of the direct cost of the war to Needham people but the amount must have been staggering. As well as they could, the citizens tried to make sure that the families of men away at war would not suffer because the provider was gone. There are many records of payments to soldiers' families and of committees formed to see to their welfare.

Going on in history for a few years, there appears in the clerk's record for 1812 a resolution of gratitude to the Rev. Stephen Palmer for his ser-

mon memorializing Needham's first century as a town. The vote commends his zeal, literary skill and preparation of "an accurate history of the town."

War and its costs are apparent again in April of 1861 when the town voted \$15 per month for six months or "so long as they might serve" to Needham men enlisting as volunteers in the Union army. Once more, through another vote, the town bound itself to see that the families of Union soldiers were looked after while the men were in service.

March, 1917, brought a revival of the "Committee on Public Safety" which had been an important group in Revolutionary times. This time it was the imminence of World War I which sparked the action. At the same meeting a resolution was passed which favored President Wilson's breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany. The clerk was ordered to send a copy to the President.

Not all the entries made by town clerks of days gone by are as stirring as those having to do with the country's wars. Some are prosaic, some touch upon family tragedies, some are humorous when seen from the vantage point of later years. All have one thing in common, though. They represent the problems shared by people living together as a community. Only in form are they different from today's problems.

A perennial question for more than 100 years was whether "the swine shall be allowed to run loose in the town." Pigs caused a traffic problem of the day even as road hogs did in 1955!

One town meeting in the 1700's debated the issue of restraining rams for a couple of months each year. The question came up because ewes were dropping lambs in the winter when it was difficult for the farmers to keep the little sheep alive. Basically, this was a question of economics.

It seems a light matter today, but actually how different is it from protecting storekeepers against loss by providing better parking for their customers?

Horses and cattle gave the Town Clerk a lot of work. There are frequent entries concerning claims made by residents of damage by stray horses or cows. Claimants advertised through an entry in the town book that stray animals had entered their compounds and caused damage. Animals could be claimed by their owners, the advices said, upon identification and payment of the loss. If not claimed, the records warned, the animals would be sold and the proceeds applied against the damage costs.

From the very first the "towne book" was the repository for information as to births, deaths and marriages. As government became more complicated and costly, recording fees and license charges were adopted and new taxes imposed in the form of permits and licenses. Along with their other duties town clerks collected and accounted for these fees.

For more than 200 years the position of Town Clerk was a part time task filled by a local businessman or merchant. Many clerks operated from offices



THE LIGHTS BURN EVERY TUESDAY EVENING IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

set up in their place of regular business. As the job developed, payment for services was made through allowing the clerk to keep part or all of certain fees collected. This custom existed until 1946. In that year the town chose to place its clerks on salary and to have fee income enter the general treasury or be passed on to the state or other agencies involved.

Election to the office was on an annual basis from very early times until 1953 when the town adopted a three-year term.

Women got the vote in 1920 but not until 1938 did Needham have a

woman town clerk. Miss Bertha Behnke was the first woman in the job and served eight terms. Her successor, Mrs. Marian S. Peterson, has filled the post since 1946.

From an endeavor which took part of the time of one person, the office has evolved to one which requires the full attention of the elected clerk and two appointed assistants. Mrs. Peterson's assistants in 1955 were Mrs. Ernest Dimock and Mrs. Lester Bryant.

The Clerk's office is the "memory" of the town. It serves as town archives, reference library, information center and issuing office for many important personal and corporate certificates.

Because the State is concerned with many of the activities of the towns and because the towns are profoundly influenced by state legislation, close liaison between both agencies of government is necessary. This is another function of the Town Clerk. Through the Clerk's office flows a constant interchange of information with State offices.

Registration of voters is primarily a function of the Board of Registrars, but the Town Clerk is a member of that board. Beyond registration, the Town Clerk is also responsible for compiling voting lists, notifying the voters of impending elections and town meetings and of handling the mechanical details of all elections.

In the latter field the Clerk distributes nomination papers, assists the registrars in checking signatures on nominations, receives the certified papers and compiles the ballot for town elections from them.

A host of other duties occupies the Town Clerk at election and Town Meeting time. Included is actual supervision of elections, making up final vote totals and advising the Secretary of the Commonwealth how Needham voted.

Administering the oath of office to elected officials is the Clerk's post-election duty.

The staff of the Town Clerk's office deals with the public more frequently than does any other town office with the possible exception of the Police Department.

"How we carry out our duties has a strong bearing upon the impression citizens get of their town government as a whole," comments Mrs. Peterson. "Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00 and Tuesday nights from 7:30 until 9:00 o'clock. We are here to serve the people of Needham and we hope they will feel free to call upon us for any help we can give them within the scope of our office."

Vital Statistics

	1930	1955 (incomplete)
Births	185	630
Marriages	100	203
Deaths	122	220

Board of Selectmen



EDWARD J. STEWART, *Chairman*
(1957)



PHILIP F. FOSS, *Vice-Chairman*
(1958)

EVERETT C. CROSS, *Secretary*
(1956)

	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1930	1	\$2,505.	\$2,498.
1950	1	2,867.	2,854.
1953	1	3,624.	3,574.
1954	1	6,619.	6,233.
1955	1	6,720.	6,219.

During the year 1955, 50 regular meetings and 12 special meetings were held by your Board of Selectmen, representing four hundred and thirty-eight man hours of administration of the various departmental problems coming under their jurisdiction.

The magnitude of the Town's operations can be understood in knowing that the expenditures authorized by the Town Accountant amounted to \$6,-286,848. This total included all departmental budgets, expenditures under special articles, and full debt service on the Town's outstanding obligations.

Recognizing the growth of the Town, particularly in respect to the administrative functions of the Board, and being cognizant of the desirability of developing maximum efficiency at the management level, your Board will recommend through an article at the Annual Town Meeting the creating of a new position of an administrative assistant to the Board of Selectmen. The establishing of this full-time position would provide daily representation of the Board at the Town Hall, expedite the carrying out of the decisions of your Board, as well as effectively preparing future problems to be considered. Better liaison between other elective boards, appointed committees, and departmental executives would contribute substantially to the Board's knowledge of the overall Town problems and materially aid the Selectmen in determining the most effectual and economical solutions to many complex questions. The

Selectmen have conferred with the Personnel Board and both groups are in accord as to the desirability of this new position.

GROUP INSURANCE

Carrying out the wishes of the Annual Town Meeting of 1955 your Board awarded a contract for Group Life Insurance on all town personnel to the Equitable Life Insurance Society of New York. The Town's present rate is \$1.24 per month for \$1,000 of insurance, the cost being shared equally by the employee and the Town. Approximately 80% of our present employees, including teaching personnel, have availed themselves of this low cost protection for their families. The strengthening of human relations and employee security is of importance in obtaining maximum efficiency and productivity in providing for the needs and services of our community.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION—SELF INSURANCE PROGRAM

At the Special Town Meeting of December 18, 1954, following the recommendation of the Insurance Study Committee, the Town voted to accept Chapter 13A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, providing for the establishment and maintenance of an insurance fund to pay Workmen Compensation claims. The Town's normal premium for the year 1954 was \$23,900, based on the then existing annual payroll. Your Board is pleased to report for the year 1955, our first full year under our Self Insurance program, the cost to the Town including all claims, cost of engineering and safety services, was approximately \$9,500, representing a net savings of \$14,400.

HURRICANE DIANE

On August 19, 1955, torrential rains enveloped this area and in a forty-eight hour period approximately thirteen inches of rain fell. Little damage was done to the Town's physical plant and highways, but many basements were flooded causing considerable loss to home owners through damage to their heating equipment. The Public Works Department's office remained open on a standby basis during this emergency for a forty-eight hour period, and three hundred and sixty-four calls were recorded requesting assistance on pumping out cellars. During this period the personnel and equipment of the Department were used to their maximum potential, and two hundred and fourteen cellars were drained. The Town spent \$11,200 during this emergency and expects to be reimbursed to the extent of \$9,700 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

It is impossible for the Town's drainage system to carry off a rainfall of this magnitude, but your Board is cognizant of our storm drain problems. A program calling for the enlargement of some of our existing drains is being prepared in conjunction with Mr. Edmund Symonds, Superintendent of Sewers, and will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

CONSTRUCTION

A downward trend in residential construction developed during the year and the limitation of industrial sites availability reduced the amount of commercial construction in comparison with the previous year. Two hundred and eighty-seven residential permits were issued for a total value of \$4,243,000 for 1955, as compared with three hundred and thirteen permits for \$4,572,000, a decline of \$329,000. Thirteen permits for commercial construction totalling \$1,404,650 were issued this year in comparison with \$4,165,000 in 1954, a decline of \$2,760,350. Future increases in valuation from commercial construction will probably depend on the eventual use of the Newton Water Lands.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A program of modernization of our three railroad crossings in the Town is being discussed with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and completion of the project is expected early in 1956. The Engineering Division of the Railroad has agreed upon the following installations.

1. Great Plain Avenue crossing. Automatic gates and lights will be installed at the railroad's expense.
2. West Street crossing. Automatic lights will be installed also at the railroad's expense.
3. May Street crossing. Automatic lights to be installed.

The May Street crossing will be changed from a private crossing to a public crossing, necessitating a widening to fifty feet. Under these circumstances, the Town will bear the cost of street paving and sidewalk construction at the crossing.

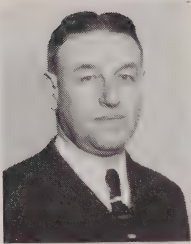
The Board believes that automatic gates are necessary at the West Street crossing, but at the time of writing, the New York, New Haven & Hartford officials are not in agreement with our conclusion.

NEWTON WATER LANDS RESERVATION

Following the action of the General Court of Massachusetts establishing a special commission to report in 1956 as to the future use of this land, the Special Town Meeting of November 14, 1955 voted to establish a Committee to study this problem. The Flood Control Action of 1955 authorized the Metropolitan District Commission to study the area bordering the Charles River for flood control purposes. At the present time the Metropolitan District Commission has two objectives relative to the use of the Newton Water Lands, those being: The flood control program and the utilization of a portion or all of this land consisting of 747 acres for recreational purposes. Your Committee of nine members has held four meetings. The long range aspect as to the best usage of this land is of vital interest to our community, hence the committee's final recommendations and plans will naturally be slow.

Board of Registrars

FRANCIS J. DONAHUE, *Chairman*
 HAROLD S. LOUDON MARY E. FITZGERALD
 MARIAN S. PETERSON, *Ex-Officio*



	Employees		Budget	Expenditures
	Perm.	Part Time		
1930	—	4	\$ 1,930.	\$ 1,927.
1950	1	4	9,771.	9,745.
1953	1	4	9,084.	8,825.
1954	1	4	11,814.	11,479.
1955	1	4	10,039.	8,556.

On January 1, 1955, twenty-two Assistant Registrars of Voters set out to list the male and female inhabitants (twenty years of age and upwards) for street listing purposes, and to take the State Census. When they finished their work approximately three weeks later the listing for the Street Lists had been completed, and the Town's portion of the State Census had been taken at 21,560.

The year 1955 was a comparatively quiet year, electionally speaking. There was only the local Town Election on March 7, 1955. At this election 3,716 residents voted, 33.5% of those eligible to vote.

The year 1956 will be an active year, electionally speaking. There will be the local Town Election on Monday, March 5, 1956. The Presidential Primary will be on Tuesday, April 24, 1956. The State Primary will be on Tuesday, September 18, 1956. The combined Presidential and State Election will be on Tuesday, November 6, 1956.

During 1955, 460 new voters were added to the rolls. It is believed that there are still more than *a thousand* residents who are eligible to become registered voters, but have not availed themselves of the privilege. The Registrars of Voters will hold sessions in the various precincts previous to each of the above elections at dates and times to be announced. Persons desiring to register may do so daily at the Town Clerk's office.

The Registrars of Voters will be available to register in the home any person who is unable by reason of physical incapacity to register at the public sessions. An appointment for this purpose may be made by calling the Town Clerk's office. All naturalized citizens should present their naturalization papers when appearing for registration purposes.

The voting list as revised in June, 1955, was as follows:

Precinct 1	1,379 voters	Precinct 4	1,831 voters
Precinct 2	1,701 voters	Precinct 5	1,911 voters
Precinct 3	1,815 voters	Precinct 6	1,833 voters
Total:		10,520 voters	

Law Department

HENRY W. HARDY, *Town Counsel*

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1930	\$1,579.	\$1,579.
1950	3,500.	3,366.
1953	4,650.	4,194.
1954	6,821.	6,816.
1955	5,300.	4,888.



As in previous years, the Town Counsel attended meetings of the Board of Selectmen and was available, on call, to other boards, committees and officers of the Town. He assisted the Selectmen in the preparation of the warrants for the annual and special town meetings and prepared motions under the warrant articles for town meeting action. He drew deeds, contracts and such other legal documents as the Town's business required.

The Town Counsel was called upon to give legal advice and take legal action in connection with such diverse subjects of Town concern as the disposition of the Newton water lands, the establishment of the new Park Commission, the erection of the television broadcasting tower off Sherman Street, and illuminated signs in the New England Industrial area. He was occupied with the sale of certain Town land and the acquisition of land for school purposes, as voted by the Town Meeting. He prepared bills for the General Court to implement the votes of the Town Meeting.

The building of the Senior High School addition and the Highland Park School, and the projected addition to the Harris School, have required legal opinions and advice. The winding up of the work at the Senior High School has involved many legal problems concerning the relation of the Town to the general contractor and the sub-contractors, and the Town Counsel has worked with the Building Committee on these.

Collections were made for the Board of Public Welfare and the Glover Memorial Hospital. Claims were pressed against sub-developers who were slow in performing their contractual obligations to the Town. A decree was obtained from the Supreme Judicial Court permitting the use of income from the Mary Virginia Hill Trust fund in the manner desired by the Town.

Pending cases in which the Town has an interest include two accident cases against the Town, one action for damages for the taking by the Town of an easement for water drainage purposes, three appeals from the Board of Appeals and an action by the City of Boston for reimbursement in welfare cases, all pending in the Superior Court. There are two appeals by taxpayers pending before the Appellate Tax Board.

Board of Assessors

ARTHUR H. GODFREY, *Principal Assessor*

DAVID MURDOCH, *Secretary*

A. STERLING HOLT



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1930	1	\$ 6,570.	\$ 6,566.
1950	2	12,769.	12,204.
1953	3	17,024.	16,930.
1954	3	17,650.	17,339.
1955	4	19,435.	19,134.

For several years the Board of Assessors has called to your attention the tremendous growth in the Town of Needham. This growth naturally increases our tax valuation, but at the same time it increases our expenditures. In no year since this expansion period began has it been more noticeable than in 1955.

The Board of Assessors in the year 1955 assessed new property amounting to over five million dollars (\$5,000,000). This is an increase of more than ten per cent (10%) of the total valuation of the Town in 1954. Despite this large increase in valuation it was possible only to hold the tax rate at the 1954 level of \$50.00 per thousand.

Another source of increased revenue is in the automobile excise. This amounted to more than \$300,000.00 in 1955, as compared to \$250,000.00 in 1954.

RECAPITULATION — 1955

Town Appropriations (Voted by Town Meetings)	\$4,200,901.02
Overlay Deficits 1952 and 1954	3,560.97
Hurricane Costs	58,966.57
State Assessments	60,710.34
County Tax and Hospital Assessments	89,672.43
Overlay	50,444.77
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$4,464,256.10

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Town (All revenue derived from Water Department, Hospital, Motor Vehicle Excise, etc.)	\$1,013,852.44	
Income Tax (Collected by State and returned to the Town)	157,835.16	
Corporation Tax (Collected by State, etc.)	114,372.91	
Meals Tax (Collected by State, etc.)	2,405.57	
	<u>\$1,288,466.08</u>	
Available Funds (From Excess and Deficiency Account; Unexpended balances from previous years)	443,441.72	
Overestimates of 1954 (State)	12,300.50	
	<u>\$ 455,742.22</u>	\$1,744,208.30
		<u>\$2,720,047.80</u>
\$2,720,047.80 to be raised by Taxation on Poll, Personal and Real Estate Taxes (levied and collected by the Town)		
Tax Rate	\$50.00 per \$1,000.00	
Poll Taxes, 6,559 at \$2.00 (levied against all males 20 years and older, with certain exceptions)	\$ 13,118.00	
Personal Property, \$2,392,100.00 x \$50.00 (Taxes levied against Personal Property)	119,605.00	
Real Estate \$51,746,496.00 x \$50.00 (Taxes levied against Real Estate)	<u>2,587,324.80</u>	\$2,720,047.80

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

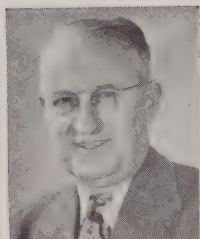
Apportionments added to Taxes:

Sewer	\$ 43,085.37	
Sewer House Connections	9,978.25	
Sidewalk	696.51	
Street	20,653.60	
Water Liens added to Taxes	<u>1,299.73</u>	\$ 75,713.46

"By 1845 there were new schools in nearly all of the districts, and they compared favorably with those in adjoining towns, for they had blinds, some of them were painted, and they were equipped with stoves, and the sills were banked for the winter."—(Clarke's History of Needham)

Police Department

THOMAS H. WELCH, *Chief*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
1930	N.A.	\$ 32,465.	\$ 32,472.
1950	27	99,096.	96,992.
1953	35	145,756.	145,756.
1954	43	165,473.	165,051.
1955	45	179,526.	175,979.

N.A.: Not Available

Police business, good and/or bad, is still rising on the graph. We continue to operate a shorthanded personnel, and it should be pointed out that the Town has already outgrown the Department and will continue to do so until we have more personnel and more equipment. It is true that we now have seven (7) women police officers to assist the Department in covering school crossings. We hope to add one more in the current year as they are of incomparable value in helping the Department to cover the many school crossings.

Four more of our officers graduated from the State Police School in Framingham this year bringing the total to eleven. It is our aim to have all the men in the Department attend this very fine School.

Personal injury and property damage accidents continue at a more or less even rule in spite of the demerit system. We feel that we were extremely fortunate that we did not have more serious accidents than those recorded with the construction of Route 128 through our town. The now completed route will be another problem.

Facts ARE Facts—the year 1955:



Crimes against person	5
Crimes against property	28
Crimes against public order	334
Complaints made by citizens	3,576
(By mail, telephone and in person).	
Bicycles registered	740
(As of December 1, 1955, 7,921 bicycles registered in the town).	
Revolver permits issued	101
Property damage accidents	267
Personal injury accidents	117
Persons injured in automobile accidents	228
Ambulance runs	282
(Not including automobile accidents or emergencies).	
Arrests	327
Miles department vehicles were operated	129,797
Vacant houses	1,493
(We can still extend our continued thanks to the volunteer specialists which assist us during the peak summer months).	
Motor vehicle violations reported to the Registry of Motor Vehicles for their action	495
Summons served for other cities and towns	464

Board of Appeals

HERBERT L. MOORE, *Chairman*

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The Zoning By-Laws of the Town have been a major factor in making it a desirable residential community, with balanced business and manufacturing areas. —

From time to time however, an inflexible application of some phase of the law in a specific case may create an unreasonable hardship. Therefore, to provide a means of granting relief in such cases a Board of Appeals has been established, the function of which is to hold public, advertised hearings at which the facts may be presented, and, if the facts warrant, a variance or exception may be granted.

It should be apparent, however, that if the Zoning By-Law is to be effective, such variances or exceptions must be granted only where the zoning hardship in the applicant's case is greater than on the area or zone in general.

In Needham, the Board of Appeals consists of three regular members and one special member. There must always be three members sitting, and a variance or exception can only be granted by unanimous vote.

The Board also hears and acts on requests for variances from the Building By-Law, and on requests for special permits for certain uses named by the Zoning By-Law as requiring same.

Application blanks and information as to procedure are available in the office of the Building Inspector.

During the past year 60 hearings have been held on Tuesday evenings in the hearing room in the upper Town Hall as follows:

ZONING 52		BUILDING 8			
Section of By-Law (Zoning)	No. of Hearings	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn	
Section 3	12	6	4	2	
Section 4	2	1	1	—	
Section 6	1	1	—	—	
Section 7	1	1	—	—	
Section 10	6	5	1	—	
Section 17A	2	2	—	—	
Section 20	6	4	2	—	
Section 20B	9	4	5	—	
Section 21	1	1	—	—	
Section 22	4	4	—	—	
Section 23	8	8	—	—	
(Building)					
Art. XVIII, Sec. 9	4	4	—	—	
Art. IX, Sec. 16	2	2	—	—	
Combining Articles					
XVIII, Sec. 9, Art. 9, Sec. 16	2	2	—	—	
TOTALS	60	45	13	2	

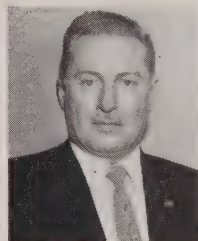
DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?

Needham's population in 1930 was	10,845
Needham's tax rate in 1930 was	\$33.00
Needham's outstanding debt in 1930 was	\$1,296,500

Veterans' Services

PHILIP K. GREULING, *Agent*

	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1930	1 part time	*	\$ 5,246.
1950	2	\$29,450.	28,138.
1953	2	39,100.	31,280.
1954	2	35,149.	34,903.
1955	2	35,400.	33,500.



*Soldiers' Relief part of Public Welfare Dept. in 1930.

Financial assistance was granted to 40 cases, representing 92 persons in 1955. During the year there was no increase in Civil Service, Social Security Benefits, or Veterans Administration Pensions. To compensate for increase in cost of living the State has issued a new Budget for 1956.

Due to a State Directive dated May 1, 1955, this Department no longer received State Participation on the cost of doctors' visits to the Glover Memorial Hospital. This Directive eliminated all State Aid connected with doctors' visits to all non-staffed hospitals within the Commonwealth. This accounts for the increase in the amount of money expended (\$800.88) by this Department in 1955 without State Participation. This pertains only to Veterans' dependents or parents, as all Veterans themselves are sent to nearby Veterans Administration Hospitals.

Rehabilitation counselling continues to be an important function. Unemployment has not been a problem as it has been in many other localities. Approximately 60% of all newly discharged Veterans have expressed their desire to further their education under the G.I. Bill of Rights. For those returning Veterans who wish employment this Department has experienced excellent cooperation with the many industries located in Needham.

THEN AND NOW

Needham Chronicle of March 8, 1884 reports of Town Meeting - - - "It was voted to adjourn, after a long debate and much waste of time, to Tuesday, March 11, at 8:30 a.m., when it is hoped that the meeting will settle down to business in a business-like manner."

Fire Department

RICHARD M. SALAMONE, *Chief*



	Employees		Budget	Expenditures
	Perm.	Call		
1930	13	24	\$ 35,620.	\$ 34,858.
1950	27	18	109,748.	108,748.
1953	39	12	186,790.	186,356.
1954	39	12	185,109.	183,759.
1955	45	12	235,963.	232,663.

Each year shows an increase in all phases of Fire Department work. During 1955 the department responded to over 500 calls. Mutual Aid protection was carried on with the surrounding cities and towns.

The department received its new Aerial Ladder truck in November and this truck was put into service in station #2.

Over 350 oil burner inspections were made in 1955. Fire drills were conducted at all schools during the year. Periodic inspections were made throughout the year in stores, factories, churches, rooming houses and convalescent homes. Also the usual training drills of the department were carried on.

In our opinion additional personnel and equipment is needed to maintain fire protection at its present high level. We feel that the following recommendations are in order at this time.

1. Replacement of Engine #3.
2. Appointment of 6 more permanent men.
3. Build bungalow type stations in the Needhamdale section and Charles River sections of town.
4. Build drill tower in yard of either Needhamdale or Charles River station.

A MAJOR DUTY OF THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CHECKING FOR SAFETY AT THE NEEDHAM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.



Planning Board

GEORGE M. WILE, *Chairman*

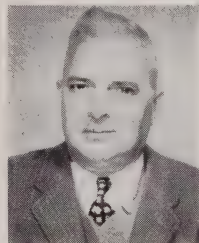
EDWIN M. WAINWRIGHT, *Secretary*

HENRY V. PERRY

EDWARD I. BOWER

IRVING H. COWDREY

	<i>Part-Time Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1930	none	\$ 400.	\$ 115.
1950	1	965.	1,204.
1953	1	3,345.	2,476.
1954	1	4,315.	3,486.
1955	1	8,900.	4,610.



The year 1955 showed a gratifying increased public interest, even though the number of subdivisions was not as great as the previous year.

The Board held 45 weekly meetings, 1 special meeting and 29 advertised public hearings. Twenty-four street profiles were approved; 8 subdivisions were approved and 1 subdivision disapproved; 4 private ways abandoned and 2 street names changed. Many conferences were held on subdivision approvals not required and numerous field inspections were made to view the sites under consideration prior to and after the hearings.

The original intent of the Board was to do a great deal of work on long-range planning. However, since it was felt that the first phase of this problem to be handled should be overall zoning, the indecision regarding the Newton Water Lands brought this work almost to a standstill. This phase of the problem will be held in abeyance until Newton's action is cleared with regard to their present holdings.

The Planning Board next turned its attention to what it felt was the second most pressing problem from the long-range point of view, namely, the traffic situation. Numerous surveys were made and outside planning engineering help was obtained to derive the basic information. As a result of this activity, the Planning Board is placing three articles in the Town Warrant for Town Meeting action.

It has become increasingly evident that all phases of long-range planning for the Town must be done as soon as possible. Therefore, the Planning Board's projected program for the coming year should see a completed study of zoning ready for presentation at the 1957 Town Meeting and a maximum of effort turned to the other phases of long-range planning as consistent with the work load that will be applied.

While the control of general public utilities must rest under the authority of various town departments, it should be kept constantly in mind that improvements and extensions are definitely a part of comprehensive future planning.

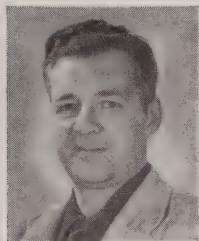
Inspection Department

EDWIN D. KEYES, *Building Inspector*

CLYDE E. COOKSON, *Wiring Insp.* CHESTER E. BOSSELMAN, *Plumbing Insp.*

RITA M. OLSON, *Senior Clerk*

NANCY S. COOMBS, *Senior Clerk*



	Emp.	Budget	Expenditures	Fees Collected
1930	0	\$ 5,500.	\$ 5,458.	\$ 2,314.
1950	1	12,104.	11,953.	10,884.
1953	1	16,410.	16,220.	14,971.
1954	1	17,640.	17,474.	18,497.
1955	2	21,354.	20,419.	15,745.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

	Dwellings		Total Building Permits	Total All Permits
1930	82	\$ 627,200.	223	\$ 945,790. 728
1950	353	3,444,000.	573	4,234,703. 2,286
1953	329	4,468,000.	587	7,967,953. 2,233
1954	313	4,572,000.	591	9,746,555. 2,104
1955	287	4,243,000.	537	6,862,040. 2,074

The Inspection Department issued 2,074 permits during 1955, thirty less than were issued during 1954. A total of 537 building permits, 629 plumbing permits, 65 gas permits, and 843 wiring permits were issued during 1955.

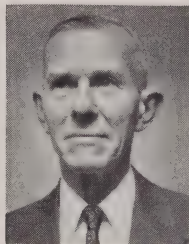
The Inspection Department now occupies new and larger quarters on the second floor of the Town Hall, Room 20. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Inspectors are generally in the office from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. and from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. However, appointments may be made for your convenience.

The custom of presenting to you, pictorially, the Department Heads of your Town is continued this year in the thumbnail prints with each Department Report. In each case, unless otherwise noted, the Head of the Department or the Chairman of the Committee involved is shown.

This year, statistics of twenty-five years ago (1930) and 1950 are included with current figures. It is intended, thereby, to portray graphically the growth of our Town and the spiralling costs of operation.

Needham Civil Defense

LT. COL. FRANK F. FLAGEL, *Director*



	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Total</i>
1953	\$ 799.		\$3,018.	\$3,818.
1954	1,508.	\$ 909.	3,139.	5,557.
1955	1,629.	2,276.	2,713.	6,619.

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Matched Funds)

1954	\$ 749.
1955	1,341.

The above amounts (Federal Contributions) represent 50% of the purchase price of the following items:

- 1 Radio Transmitter & Receiver for Auxiliary Fire Engine #2
- 1 Radio Transmitter & Receiver—Pack Set
- 2 Handy Talkies
- 1 Projector & Recorder
- 2 Portable Megaphones
- 1 Geiger Counter—Radiological
- 2 Gamma Survey Meters—Radiological

VOLUNTEERS

Executive & Administrative	10
Communications	45
Auxiliary Fire	13
Medical	30
Auxiliary Police	31
Radiological	4
Wardens	92

225

Recommendation was made to the Board of Selectmen that the headquarters of this department be moved from its present location in the building of the Visiting Nurse Association at 51 Lincoln Street to the basement of the Needham Heights Fire Station. The move, if adequate alterations, additions and parking space at the station are made as recommended, will provide more suitable quarters.

For efficiency and economy reasons, the location of a governmental activity in a public building is desirable.

JOHN BARR DOLAN, *Chairman*

DANIEL H. RIDER, *Vice-Chairman*

CHARLES E. GREENE JOHN H. BUSH HELEN E. WHITE DOROTHY A. FIELD

ESTHER P. ROBINSON, *Secretary*

DERWOOD A. NEWMAN, *Superintendent*



	<i>Teach.</i>	<i>Non-Teach.</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
1930	83	8*	\$ 222,829.	\$ 221,076.	N.A.
1950	123	36*	594,365.	591,886.	3,354
1953	160	38*	917,834.	909,472.	3,910
1954	183	46*	1,048,439.	1,043,804.	3,988
1955	193	48*	1,218,355.	1,205,872.	4,320

*Excludes cafeteria employees, truant officers and physician
N.A.: Not Available

SENIOR HIGH ACCEPTANCE

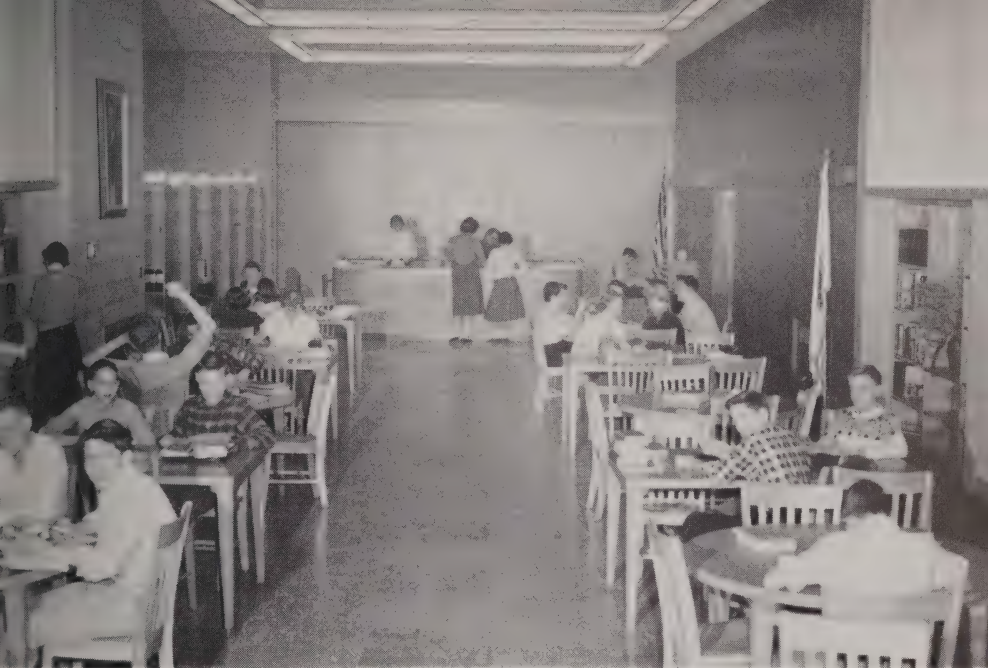
In contrast with September 1954, September 1955 found practically all construction and renovation work completed, and it was possible to make full use of all facilities at the Senior High School.

The addition, with the old building, gives the school a rated capacity of 1500 pupils. Besides the 48 classrooms there are such added features as the boys' and girls' gymnasiums, each of which can be divided into two parts, locker, shower and remedial rooms, the auditorium, nurse's room, the library, cafeteria, teachers' rooms, conference rooms, typing rooms, music, art and shop rooms, storage rooms and offices.

On November 11th the building addition was formally turned over by the Building Committee to the Town through the Selectmen, who in turn, symbolically turned over the keys to the School Committee. Grateful appreciation was accorded the Building Committee, especially to the Chairman, Myron E. Smith, and the Secretary, Mrs. Frances B. Eaton. The conscientious work done by the Clerk of the Works, Mr. Howard K. Alden and the assistance of the Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. John J. Daley were acknowledged, and special tribute was paid to Mr. William F. Pollard, Principal.

WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Following the ceremonies turning over the High School, Commander Lawrence D. Osborne, American Legion Post #14 and Commander John S. Dennehy, Manson H. Carter Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented to the War Memorial Committee the National Colors and the State Flag of Massachusetts. Lieutenant Manson H. Carter Post #2498 fittingly took this occasion to pre-



WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

sent to Mr. William F. Pollard, a Certificate of Merit . . . "in appreciation of faithful and meritorious service—rendered to the youth of the Town of Needham over the past quarter of a century as Principal of the Needham High School."

The War Memorial Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Harold L. Burr, Sr., then presented the Colors and the War Memorial itself to the Town, through the Selectmen, who thereupon turned over the Colors and Memorial to the School Committee.

The truly beautiful Memorial, subdued but commanding feature of a new well appointed, arrestingly attractive and serviceable school library, will serve as a reminder to our High School pupils of the price paid to assure the survival of our country.

DOVER PUPILS

In the fall of 1955 Dover discontinued its Public High School sending its 59 pupils to Needham at a contract rate of \$350.00 per pupil.

Dover assumes the entire responsibility for transportation of its pupils and the contract rate for tuition will be adjusted annually as Needham's total per pupil costs change.

The Dover boys and girls are so distributed through the four years of high school that they are readily absorbed and have already become an integral and vital part of the athletic and social as well as educational life of the school.

DRIVER EDUCATION

The tremendous increase in the number of automobiles on our highways and the accompanying carnage has led to nation-wide safety legislation and more strict law enforcement. For several years we have had a driver training course for high school pupils and numbers of boys and girls have elected it. Lately, at the same time our high school population is increasing rapidly, many young people have found that their licenses to drive are limited if they take them on an automatic gear shift car, and also that automobile insurance regulations favor the young person from sixteen to twenty-five who has taken the school driver training course.

As a result we now have one teacher spending full time and another spending part time at this work. In September about 200 pupils had registered to take the course at some time during the year. Two groups totaling 87 had completed the work by Christmas, 50 new licenses or certificates had been issued and 20 more pupils were scheduled for examination. Three more groups must still be served.

The course is divided into two parts. The first acquaints the pupil with the mechanical principles involved and teaches the motor vehicle laws. The second part gives him behind-the-wheel training on the road in dual control cars. Cars are furnished by Needham Motor Sales and Feely Chevrolet.

THE COLLEGES

Our boys and girls who go on to college have been so consistently successful that the finest colleges in the land have been glad to welcome a high proportion of Needham graduates. Of the graduating class numbering 197 in 1955—

- 82 went to four year colleges
- 23 are now in junior colleges
- 12 are in preparatory schools
- 6 are in business schools
- 1 is in trade school
- 10 are in special schools
- 7 are in nursing
- 19 are in the armed services
- 31 are employed
- 6 have no plans

197 Total

Graduates currently doing scholastic work of honor grade have been reported by the following colleges: Bates, Bowdoin, Brown, Colby, Dartmouth, DePauw, Harvard, University of Maine, University of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MacMurray, Northeastern University, Pembroke, Radcliffe, Smith, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Yale.

ZONING

It is now ten years since Needham's town and school population started to move upward again after having remained almost static for more than a decade. Since then the Town's population and that of the schools have nearly doubled. Needham has met the challenge generously and has built, and undoubtedly will continue to build, to meet the need.

Growing pains are inevitable, and one that is particularly annoying is the annual need for minor zoning changes. Every time a new grade school building is erected major re-zoning must be done. It is difficult to satisfy all parents and pupils, and this is especially true when a child close to one school must travel some distance to another.

Questions have to be answered as to what streets or areas will be involved, how many rooms will actually be needed the first year, and what grades they will accommodate. Re-zoning all over town will be necessary to assure a reasonably uniform pupil-teacher ratio.

It should be recognized that the child who is re-zoned will receive the same high quality teaching, the same favorable environment, and the same expert supervision in one school that he receives in another. Parents on the whole accept the need for adjustments, and realize that they are made considerately and fairly.

WHILE WE WAIT

A very good program is being carried forward at the Junior High School under adverse conditions. At present there are in use four improvised classrooms, three in the basement and another in one end of the auditorium of the Emery Grover building.

Physical Education classes for both boys and girls are much too large and average 60 or more pupils. There are four lunch periods during which nearly 200 pupils at a sitting must be accommodated in quarters which are suitable for no more than 150. About 180 grade seven boys must go to the Senior High School for industrial arts.

While there are now but two grades in the Junior High, the numbers have increased so that it was necessary to employ additional as well as replacement teachers for the 1955-1956 school year.

Including a teacher of physical education and one of music, who give part of their time to other schools, twelve new teachers joined the Junior High staff in September.

SCIENCE IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Science plays such an important role personally, nationally, and internationally, that it is now being underlined in the elementary schools. To help the classroom teachers, the science course of study is being revised and evaluated by a faculty committee under the leadership of Frederick J. Gorgone, Jr.

If you were to visit the classrooms you would find a great variety of projects under way. In a Kindergarten you might see an aquarium or terrarium, a collection of leaves, flowers, or shells; in a Second Grade a carefully kept record of the weather. In a Grade Four a building entomologist may show you a collection of butterflies, the cocoon of a *Cecropia* moth or a nest of ants. A Grade Five or Six may reveal interests as diverse as volcanology, astronomy, anthropology, paleontology, chemistry, aviation, or nuclear physics. Life long patterns of vocational or avocational importance are being established.

Annually all Sixth Graders visit the Science Museum, and in the spring the elementary science fair, presented by all the pupils, is well worth a visit.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Supplementary reading and reference materials, gauged to the level of comprehension of the pupils, offer the most effective way yet devised of widening the cultural horizons of young people.

Parent-Teacher groups have recognized this and have been most generous in supplementing town appropriations. Several of our schools have sizeable central as well as small classroom libraries.

It should be pointed out that the Needham Public Library is most helpful, supplementing our program by loaning the schools a great many books for considerable periods. Without its assistance we would be seriously handicapped. Even with its aid more books and reference materials are essential.

MR. WEST, NEW PRINCIPAL OF THE STEPHEN PALMER SCHOOL,
TOSSES A BALL WITH PUPILS DURING RECESS.



ELEMENTARY SUPERVISOR

After the resignation of Mr. Leonard Savignano to join the staff of the School of Education at Northeastern University, Miss Leora E. Richardson, Principal of the Stephen Palmer School, and previously principal of large elementary schools in Beverly and Milton, was elected elementary supervisor.

With the rapid growth of our schools this position assumes greater and greater importance, and Miss Richardson brings to it the high degree of professional competence required.

PRINCIPAL AT THE STEPHEN PALMER SCHOOL

The position as Principal left vacant by the promotion of Miss Richardson was not filled until after the opening of schools.

Mr. Harold W. West, who was awarded a B. S. degree by Gorham State Teachers College and an Ed. M. and C. A. G. S. by Boston University, taught for a number of years in Maine. Coming to Needham from South Portland, Maine, Mr. West served successively as a teaching principal, supervising principal of a single school, and finally as a district supervisor for five schools. Married and the father of two daughters, Mr. West took up his duties at the Stephen Palmer School November 7, 1955.

GENERAL HEALTH PROGRAM

All elementary teachers actively teach health. The need for exercise, plenty of sleep, well balanced diet, cleanliness, the care of teeth and eyes, are constantly stressed. This teaching is supplemented by Mrs. Dana Wagenfeld, Nutrition Worker from the Board of Health, who consults with teachers and furnishes them with a variety of teaching aids.

Physical examinations are given all new pupils and all pupils in grade one and four. Hearing and vision tests are given in all schools and at all levels. On October 20 the Norfolk County Hospital provided its annual chest x-ray service to more than three hundred High School seniors and school personnel.

This year, with almost 1,000 pupils at the Senior High, it was found necessary to have a nurse on duty there at all times. To make this possible and also care for the increasing load in the grades, a third full time nurse was employed. This action gives more adequate coverage in all schools and at the same time gives our Head Nurse a chance to do overall supervision and some active teaching.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As time permits and in addition to our normal academic program an almost infinite variety of "extra-curricular" activities take place in kindergarten through high school. In the grades there may be seasonal projects, such as a Christmas pageant, a science fair, or a field trip for all sixth graders to the Science Museum as mentioned above. In the Junior and Senior High School "activities" periods are a part of the program. During these periods pupils

may participate in a wide range of activities, limited only by the imagination of the pupils and the facilities of the school—perhaps photography, modern dance, an art project, the library club, or a student assembly, “The Advocate”, (annual student publication, which gives an outlet to creative abilities).

Our various athletic teams have set enviable records and have large and well deserved followings. Junior and Senior High School gym meets are immensely popular. Industrial Arts, Home Economics and art exhibits along with the secondary school science fairs have aroused great interest.

The Junior High School Boys' Choir deserves special mention, having made numerous appearances both in and out of Needham. The Elementary School Band has made an excellent beginning and has joined its older companions, the Junior and the Senior High School Bands, which have played their way into the life of the entire community. Last spring the Senior High School Band traveled to Cold Spring, New York, for a joint concert with the local group, and later played at both the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at Wellesley College.

Dramatic Clubs in both Junior and Senior High School delighted large audiences, climaxing their efforts in the annual Senior Play.

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Teachers' salary schedules must be constantly reviewed and revised to maintain a teaching staff with a high degree of competence. This has proven to be particularly the case recently in fields where industry competes directly, viz. . in the fields of physics, chemistry, mathematics and industrial arts. Because of this it is doubtful that the entire salary schedule can be brought forward uniformly yet rapidly enough unless the industries themselves realize soon, that they are drying up their own future supply by taking away all or nearly all teachers and potential teachers.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT — 1955-56

School	Kn.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Sp.	P.G.	Ttl.
Senior High School	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	303	252	222	203	1	1	982
Junior High School	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	377	339	—	—	—	—	—	—	716
Broad Meadow	45	60	55	64	56	56	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	400
Carter-Avery	49	40	67	83	67	62	51	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	419
Dwight	29	28	33	27	50	26	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	224
Eliot	44	23	22	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	108
Harris	38	35	39	34	47	33	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	250
High Rock	81	60	71	71	62	55	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	447
Mitchell	34	32	48	43	36	36	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	265
Stephen Palmer	62	75	61	81	80	81	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	509
Totals	382	353	396	422	398	349	315	377	339	303	252	222	203	8	1	4302

OCTOBER 1, 1954

Elementary	2519
Junior High	608
Senior High	861 3988

OPENING DAY 1955

Elementary	2592
Junior High	716
Senior High	964 4272

Public Library

DR. HARRY W. KIMBALL, *Chairman*

MARION L. JOHNSON

LAURA G. WILLGOOSE

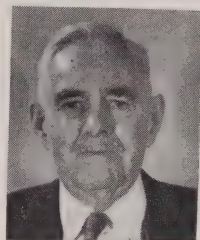
HELEN B. EASTMAN

ARTHUR L. KING

FRED G. ATCHINSON

DOROTHY M. BROWN, *Librarian*

	Employees	Total Books Loaned	Budget	Expenditures
1930	3	68,942	\$ 8,808.	\$ 8,760.
1950	7	134,744	29,093.	27,778.
1953	9	185,196	43,027.	42,206.
1954	10	208,567	49,545.	45,341.
1955	10	231,229	54,851.	51,392.



The circulation of books has always been considered the chief measurement of the service of a public library. The Needham Public Library in 1955 exceeded the 8 or 9 per capita set up as good by the American Library Association. Last year, the library circulated a total of 231,229 books, or 11 per capita, estimating the 1955 population as 21,000. This circulation is an increase of 22,662 over 1954.

Following is a tabulation of books loaned in 1955 by classes:

How-to-do-it books	9,026	Books of philosophy and	
Periodicals	6,929	psychology	1,932
Music and art books	8,078	Religious books	1,200
Biographies	7,612	Books on journalism, and	
Plays, poems, essays	6,504	reading as an art	454
Books of travel	5,107	Pamphlets	554
Books of sociology	4,675	Dictionaries and grammars	259
History books	4,549	Children's books	72,308
Books of science	3,421	Novels	74,234
		Books circulated at branch	24,387

A total of 2,779 people were registered in 1955; 1,692 new, 1,087 re-registrations and transfers; 4,134 books were catalogued; 2,849 adult and 1,285 children's books.

A total of \$3,988.64 was collected, mostly from overdue charges, and given to the town.



ARCHITECT'S PLAN FOR LIBRARY EXPANSION.

Sixty story hours were held and 70 school classes were visited by the children's librarian. Twenty school classes visited the library.

The Needham Library is handicapped by a building, which, though attractive, has been inadequate for modern efficient service for many years. Erected in 1915, the present building was intended to house 20,000 books. At present, it holds 42,501. With over 4,000 added annually, it is clear that there is not adequate space for the present collection—and no room for expansion. The present building is also lacking in facilities for other library services which a progressive, intelligent community such as Needham should have.

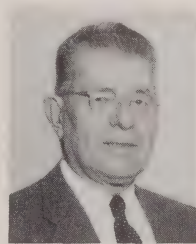
Therefore, the Trustees of the library are asking for an addition to the building and some remodeling of the present building. Estimated cost of the complete plan is \$145,000. The proposed library provides for 87,000 books which is the estimated amount which will be owned by 1975. It also will include a larger children's department with a story hour room, a music area to house records, books and listening booths, additional study space to be provided by individual study tables and chairs, better exhibit space, an adult popular reading and browsing room, more efficient work space for staff and custodian and an outdoor reading area. Expansion up to 1975 has been figured on since it is a widely observed "rule of thumb" to plan a building enlargement to take care of 20 years although it is known that library buildings usually have to serve 40 or 50 years or longer. Estimated population for 1975 is 35,000.

Recreation Committee

PAUL B. RICHWAGEN, *Chairman*
Rep. from Memorial Park Tr.

ROBERT J. LATHAM
Vice-Chairman
 NELSON A. TALMADGE

HELEN E. WHITE
Rep. from School Committee
 CLARENCE E. DUSSAULT



	<i>Employees</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
	<i>Perm.</i>	<i>Temp.</i>		
	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
1930				
1950	26	15	\$15,861.	\$15,787.
1953	32	14	18,955.	18,360.
1954	30	16	23,767.	29,671.
1955	39	23	32,637.	33,114.

N.A.: Not Available

Recreation in the Town of Needham continues on a year-round basis despite the vagaries of weather or other uncontrollable forces. This year the summer program was affected in part by the intense heat, in part by the threat of a polio epidemic which curtailed numerous activities throughout the Commonwealth, and in part by the late summer rains which left flood conditions in many areas.

Because of the intense heat, hours at the eight Needham playgrounds operated by the Committee were slightly changed, not only to keep the children home during the hottest part of the day, but also to help balance the time for scheduling activities.

This year, a new program for training play leaders for the younger children at playgrounds was inaugurated and carried through the summer with marked success. Under the direction of Miss Margaret Carroll, the young Needham High School students or recent graduates who took part in this experiment exhibited an interest, friendliness, resourcefulness, and helpfulness in their association with the children. These play leaders gave the children opportunities for useful experience, tryouts, and explorations. They worked on the development of new interests and gave the children opportunity to discover their individual abilities.

It will be of interest to many to know that the Cricket Field will soon be in order. The softball teams will once again have the use of the field, and future plans call for the installation of play equipment for next summer.

Rosemary Beach attendance suffered most as a result of the polio threat. Although more people were registered than last year, attendance dropped

markedly as the number of polio cases in Massachusetts increased. Then, too, the heavy flood waters brought about by the fringe of a hurricane necessitated an early closing of the beach. Were it not for these two unfortunate incidents, attendance records at the beach would undoubtedly have surpassed those of recent years.

There were, however, several improvements made at the beach area which should be called to the attention of the townspeople. A new sand box was placed at the upper end of the beach, and a coffer dam was installed at the spillway to fix a crack in the cement which was allowing too much water to drain from the lake. The inside of both bath houses, and the inside and outside of the ticket booth were painted. In addition, a new light pole and lights for night play were installed at the volley ball court, and a new public address system was also installed.

Whereas summer weather conditions lessened to a degree the popularity of Rosemary Lake, the cold winter thus far has served to increase that popularity. Ice skating conditions have been the best in many years, and the new lights at the lake have increased the nighttime skating. For safety's sake, this area is regularly patrolled and is open to the public only when the Committee feels that the thickness of ice is enough to support the crowd that inevitably shows up to enjoy the sport.

Although the playground and beach sports generally tend to interest the younger children of the Town, it should not be forgotten that the Recreation Committee also embraces a program of leisure-time activities for all members of the community. For example, the adult resident may sign up for a number of educational and pleasurable courses, such as sewing, woodworking, ceramics, painting, or singing. He may enjoy, either as spectator or participant, such sports as badminton and basketball. If he is an amateur radio hobbyist, he may become a member of the Needham Sound Associates, an organization under the sponsorship of the Recreation Committee.

Finally, no citizen of the community can fail to appreciate the success of the annual Hallowe'en parties, which, for the tenth consecutive year, provided wholesome entertainment for the youngsters, and an evening virtually free from the irksome pranks and destructive vandalism of by-gone years.

Basically, it is the aim of the Recreation Committee to supply pleasurable activities for all citizens of the community regardless of age; to instill leadership qualities and good sportsmanship in its younger members, and a spirit of friendliness and cooperation among the older. The foregoing report indicates the Committee's efforts towards making this aim a reality.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?

Needham has more than its share of professional writers. Many books written by Needham residents may be found at the local library.

Glover Memorial Hospital

TRUSTEES

STEWART B. JOHNSTON, *Chairman*

FRANK FARWELL, *Vice Chairman*

MRS. GENE R. LEAVITT, *Secretary*

CYRIL N. ANGELL

MRS. LUELLE M. HOPKINS

ALLAN M. CATE

DAVID O'LEARY, JR.

BLAKE H. FIELD

EDWIN PAGE

HELEN I. LINANE, *Superintendent of Nurses*

DONALD R. CARMICHAEL, *Business Manager*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Receipts</i>
1939	N.A.	\$ 31,000.	\$ 31,405.	\$ 25,832.
1946	25	73,422.	66,220.	55,131.
1952	60 Perm. 45 Temp.	358,381.	349,215.	294,778.
1953	70 Perm. 45 Temp.	371,208.	362,951.	320,000.
1954	70 Perm. 65 Temp.	458,873.	417,107.	347,780.
1955	75 Perm. 65 Temp.	450,091.	446,279.	414,343.

N.A.—Not Available.

The Trustees are pleased to report a decrease in the deficit for the year 1955 of approximately \$34,000. This excellent financial record is due to several factors: higher occupancy, 19,914 patient days as compared with 1954's total of 18,191, increased charges and more efficient administration both in the business and nursing departments. Higher salaries and the necessity for purchasing considerable new equipment will increase costs in 1956, but it is hoped that higher room rates recently voted will help to offset these necessary increased expenditures.

Close co-operation between the Trustees and the Medical Staff has continued. A major project has been revision of the by-laws along lines closely following the recommendations of the Committee on Accreditation of the American Hospital Association. The new by-laws, drawn up by the medical staff, are in nearly finished form, and will be submitted to the Trustees for approval. Because of frequent joint meetings of the Executive Committee, differences of opinion have been resolved and prompt approval thus assured.

Several new services within the Staff have been organized and Chiefs responsible for the work appointed.

Fifteen beds on the ground floor have been made available for occupancy 8 months of the year as compared with 6 months in 1954. This has reduced to a minimum waiting periods for elective surgery and other non-emergency admissions.

The work load in the X-Ray department has become so great that the purchase of additional equipment is essential. Provision for this has been made in the new budget request. With these increased facilities both in-patient and out-patient service will improve and additional revenue will result.

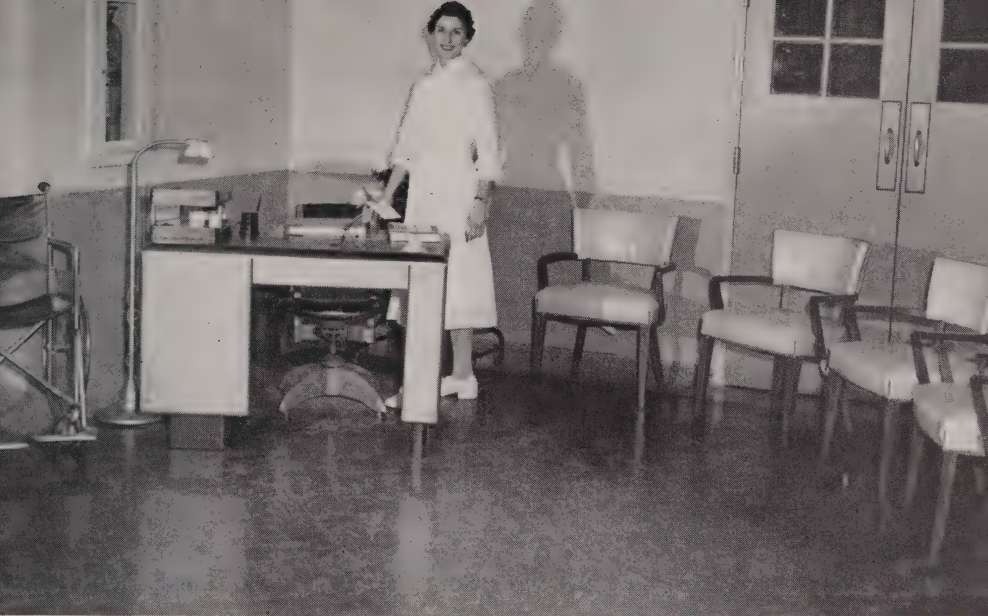
An information folder telling the Glover Story has been prepared. Copies may be obtained at the hospital information desk.

The census figures at the conclusion of this report are self-explanatory. It is interesting to note that 500 babies were born as compared with the previous high of 441 last year. There was a large increase in the number of accident cases admitted.

Close contact with various volunteer groups has been maintained. The Hospital Aid Association has worked tirelessly for the hospital and made several substantial gifts of equipment. All in all, it has been a good year at the Glover, and the Trustees are pleased with the fine spirit of co-operation that exists among doctors, nurses, administration and employees.



INSIDE
LOBBY
OF
GLOVER
HOSPITAL.



X-RAY RECEIVING STATION AT GLOVER HOSPITAL

CENSUS FOR YEAR — 1955

Patients in house December 31, 1954	36
Patients admitted during 1955	2,216
Patients discharged during 1955	2,141
Deaths	63
Patients in house December 31, 1955	48
Medical Cases	431
Major Surgery Performed	436
Minor Surgery Performed	533
Tonsils and Adenoids	164
Obstetrical Cases	521
Caesarean Sections	28
Births	500
Total Number of Patient Days	16,606
Total Number of Infant Days	3,308
Average Number of Patients per day	45.5
Accidents	1,003
Accidents Admitted	103
Outpatients Treated	86
Average length of stay in Hospital	7
Blue Cross Patients	1,380
Total Number of X-rays	5,027
Laboratory	61,953

Examination representing the total number of
units made in our Hospital Laboratory

House Patients	50,235
Out Patients	11,718

Board of Health

DAVID E. MANN, M.D., *Chairman*

LESLIE B. CUTLER

KENNETH CHRISTOPHE, M.D., *Secretary*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1930	1	\$ 7,050.	\$ 6,969.
1950	5	24,132.	23,269.
1953	7	39,422.	40,184.
1954	10	56,616.	54,003.
1955	12	58,004.	56,804.

The only new activity assumed during the year was to provide a nurse for the Parochial Schools. The responsibility for this service by local Boards of Health is common practice.

This has been an unusually busy year, chiefly because of the vaccination program to immunize against polio, and because of the epidemic of this disease which assumed unusual proportions in Needham. The vaccinations were carried out in May for all children in the first and second grades, whose parents or guardians gave written consent. There were 1,028 children eligible for the vaccination, of whom 709 were inoculated. The inoculations were given by teams of volunteers each consisting of a physician, three nurses and lay people. The smooth operation of this work attests to their efficiency and we express our appreciation to them all.

Polio occurred in Needham with rather explosive epidemic force for this disease, and in the eight-week period from July 11 through September 3, 38 of the 51 cases were reported. Nine of the total were bulbar type, 18 paralytic and 24 non-paralytic. The work of the Public Health Nurse in following up these cases, and of the staff in answering the multitude of questions asked, increased enormously the work during the Summer and Fall months. The Board has consistently followed, and will continue to follow, the recommendations of the State Department of Public Health in the Polio Vaccination Program.

Another emergency was caused by the flood conditions in August, which resulted in many complaints due to the overflow of public and household sewerage systems. Because of pollution caused by these conditions, the bathing beach at Rosemary Lake was closed.

An all-time record for reported contagious diseases was established with 1,626 cases. Measles, chicken pox and mumps, all of which were epidemic, accounted for 81% of the total. The exceptional prevalence of polio has already been commented upon. Infectious hepatitis with 11 cases shows the highest number since this disease was made reportable.

A community-wide chest x-ray and diabetes screening program was carried out for the first time this year with extraordinarily good results. A total of 1,220 chest x-ray films were performed and 39 were found to have conditions which require further study by personal physicians. There were 583 Dreyapak Kits tested for glycosuria and of these 109 revealed the presence of traces or more of sugar in the urine and were reported to their physicians. To date 28 have been reported negative, one new case of diabetes has been discovered, and one case previously known. This method of attack on multiple tests for chronic, or hidden diseases, is somewhat novel. The cooperation on this project with the towns of Wellesley and Weston on an informal basis made the project both more economical and effective.

Although only three new cases of tuberculosis were reported during the current year, nonetheless this still remains a disease of prime importance in the community public health program; as shown by the fact that during the year the nurse made 1,098 follow-up visits on suspects or contacts.

The pattern of conduct of the Well Child Conference has followed the same lines as previously. Although the number attending the Conference has not increased during the year, still the benefits accruing to those mothers who cannot afford the services of a routine checkup by their physicians and who bring their infants and pre-school children to the Conference are of greatest importance in the healthful development of the child.

This is the second year the dental health program has been under the direction of the Board of Health. The program that had been developed under the direction of the New Century Club proved in every way to be satisfactory from the standpoint of community work of this nature, and no changes have been inaugurated. The volume of work has remained about the same.

In cooperation with the Needham Visiting Nurses' Association, the Nutrition Worker this year has been making visits to industrial plants to give advice and guidance to patients which are referred to her by plant physicians. Also, during the current year increasing numbers of referrals by local physicians for more intensive assistance and guidance to their patients as regards the nutritional aspects of such diseases as diabetes, hypertension, arthritis and obesity have been requested. Her work with the Boy and Girl Scouts and with the schools has continued as in the the past.

The continuing building boom in Needham has absorbed a large proportion of the time of the Sanitarian in giving advice and in making inspections of home sewage disposal facilities. There has been a total of 157 permits issued during the past year. The flood conditions precipitated a crisis in sanitation because of the large number of complaints due to overflowing cesspools, sewage backing into cellars, and other similar health emergencies. Insofar as possible with the time at his disposal, the routine inspection of food establishments, and dairies, and the collection and analysis of milk samples, eating utensils, and water has been carried out.



The resignation of the present Supervisor of Health to take effect March 31, 1956, has caused the Boards of Health of the three towns he has served to consider ways and means in which the services of a qualified health officer may be made available to the three towns jointly to continue the advantages of such an arrangement. Subject to the approval of Town Meeting, a contract will be entered into by the three Boards whereby the Town of Wellesley will employ a full-time health officer and Needham and Weston will be provided with his services to be paid for according to the proportion of population in the several towns, as of the most recent census. This will provide an economic and effective way for each of the towns to get first-class direction of their total health program.

Three years ago when the present Supervisor took over, the staff consisted of a Clerk-Technician, Public Health Nurse, a part-time Sanitary Inspector, and a member of the Engineering Division who was engaged to inspect household sewage installations only. In addition to the Nurse and Clerk-Technician, the staff today includes a university-trained Sanitarian, a part-time Nutrition Worker, a well Child Conference physician, two Dental Physicians and a Hygienist, a Dental Clerk and a Public Health Nurse for the parochial schools. The inauguration of this new personnel indicates the expansion of the program during this short interval to provide modern public health services.

Expenditures for the year with garbage and mosquito control included makes the per capita cost \$2.51. Deducting the amount of the garbage contract and mosquito control which are not included by the State as basic health services, the per capita cost was \$1.05.

Public Welfare

CATHERINE L. LARSON, *Chairman*

RALPH L. BIXBY

WILLIAM A. MANN

W. RAYMOND HEWES

DORATHEA M. WILLGOOSE, M.D.

ZELLA M. MANN, *Agent*

	<i>Employees</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1953	4		\$ 95,850.	\$147,829.
		U. S. Grants	60,329.	60,329.
1954	5		100,450.	166,692.
		U. S. Grants	61,518.	61,518.
1955	5		119,150.	174,052.
		U. S. Grants	66,304.	66,304.



OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

An Act authorizing a monthly "Transportation Allowance" under the Old Age Assistance Law was approved August 30, 1955.

Chapter 728 of the Acts of 1955 authorized a new budgetary item for Old Age Assistance to be known as "Transportation Allowance". The amendment resulted in an increase of \$2.50 per month for all Old Age Assistance persons who were not confined to nursing homes or institutions. The new item, effective January 1, 1956, had the effect of increasing the minima to \$61.50 per month for persons living in family groups and to \$81.50 per month for persons living outside the family group.

MEDICAL CARE PLAN

The Needham Department of Public Welfare has participated in the State Medical Plan for the past two years, having adopted the program six months prior to the mandatory date. This plan is implemented with the assistance of a local Medical Advisor, who acts in an administrative capacity and aids the Board in its efforts to offer adequate and expedient medical care to Public Assistance clients. Our local Hospital rates, Nursing Home rates and related medical services conform to the schedule of fees as established by this State Plan. Needham physicians treat our clients in our local Hospital without fee or remuneration of any kind. The ready cooperation of all the local medical and associated personnel aids greatly in maintaining our standard of care at a high level.

The Board wishes to express to Dr. Willgoose its sincere appreciation for the many hours of consultation which she also has so generously contributed without remuneration of any kind in her capacity as Medical Advisor. Without her valuable professional advice we could not have attained the high standing in the State which our Department has achieved.

1955 BUDGET

General Relief	\$ 6,500.00
Old Age Assistance	84,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	7,000.00
Disability Assistance	10,500.00
Salaries	9,650.00
Expenses	1,500.00
	<u>\$119,150.00</u>

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS

<i>State and Other</i>	<i>Federal (U. S. Grants)</i>
<i>State:</i>	Assistance — Old
Assistance \$66,203.07	Age Assistance \$50,919.40
Administration	Assistance—Aid to
(D.A.) 466.14	Dependent Child. 2,206.91
<i>Other Cities and</i>	Assistance—Disa-
<i>Towns:</i>	bility Assistance 5,108.26
Assistance 4,133.62	Administration —
<i>Recoveries from In-</i>	Salaries 7,052.63
<i>dividuals:</i>	Administration —
Assistance 11,504.22	Expenses 1,017.66
<u>\$82,307.05</u>	<u>\$66,304.86*</u>

*Incl. in 1955 expenditures.

During 1955, we lost by death, transfer and other reasons 40 cases and received and investigated 44 new applications for assistance, of which 7 were rejected or withdrawn. We also had 18 additional "Ineligible Inquiry cases". During the year, 29 persons were placed in Nursing Homes and there were 48 Hospital admittances.

Total Caseload in 1955 (Payroll Cases)

	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Old Age Assistance	152	152
Aid to Dependent Children	7	21
Disability Assistance	16	16
General Relief	9	18
	<u>184</u>	<u>207</u>

Included in the 1955 expenditures were the following services:

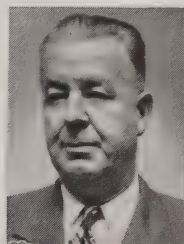
Physicians of clients' choice	\$ 5,705.00
Medicines and Prescriptions	5,201.86
Nursing Home Costs	21,772.30
Hospitals	11,645.09
X-rays, Clinics, Dentists, etc.	2,249.31
Visiting Nurses	1,463.00
	<u>\$48,036.56</u>

Town Forest Committee

R. DOUGLAS LOWDEN, *Chairman*

EVELYN B. COBB, *Secretary*

GORDON F. HEALEY



Seventeen thousand conifers of various types, such as red pine, white pine, white spruce, Austrian pine, and Douglas fir seedlings have been planted in the Town Forest since 1949, including 5,000 put in during 1955.

Another eight acres of land have been cleared for conifer planting of 5,000 seedlings in the spring of 1956, as ordered by the Committee.

A continuation of the clearing of trees and road repairs because of damage from the hurricanes was completed in 1955. In August we were again faced with a tremendous amount of damage, especially to the roads in the Forest, caused by the heavy rains and flood waters. Extensive work has been done to repair these road ways, but there are still areas not yet completed. The Committee hopes to have this work done as soon as possible.

Berry bearing bushes were given by various interested citizens of Needham, and were placed in the Bird and Wild Life Sanctuary.

A group of Girl Scouts, working for their conservation badge, planted a number of wild rose bushes in the Bird Sanctuary.

Representing the Town Forest Committee and the Needham Garden Club's interest in the Forest, Mrs. Edwin B. Cobb gave lectures to the pupils of the High Rock School and the William Mitchell School about wild flowers—many of which are found in our local Forest. These lectures were given for identification and conservation purposes of certain wild flowers.

The Committee is happy to report more and more of our townspeople find this their favorite place to picnic, stroll, or ride through the areas where this is possible. In this way they enjoy together the discovery of many kinds of trees, wild flowers, and birds in the Forest, so close to their own homes!

The first organized summer playground program was in 1931, sponsored by the Public Health Committee of the New Century Club.—(Needham Chronicle)

Memorial Park Trustees

T. JAMES CROSSMAN, *Chairman*

PAUL B. RICHWAGON

LESTER C. HUSE, *Secretary*

FRANCIS B. COBURN

RONALD D. LOWDEN



	<i>Employees</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
	<i>Perm.</i>	<i>Temp.</i>		
1930		1	\$ 5,000.	\$ 5,000.
1950	1	1	8,817.	10,047.
1953	1	1	10,406.	10,190.
1954	1	1	10,665.	10,250.
1955	1	1	25,692.	25,395.

Memorial Park is a living Monument to our World War I veterans. Its growth has developed steadily in perspective to the needs of the Town. The major physical features of the Park have now been completed. The next project of the Trustees is to beautify the Park with trees and flowering shrubs. Needham may be justly proud of this memorial.

This year a new equipment house was added to provide storage for sports equipment, bleachers, maintenance machinery and supplies. The building is of masonry construction 40 feet by 80 feet, built at a cost of \$15,000. It contains a built in incenerator. Plans are being made to provide it with proper power, water and communications so that it will efficiently take care of the many activities on the park. A new bicycle rack and underground electrical equipment to furnish power on the field for loud speakers have been purchased and both will be installed when weather permits.

The Park saw the usual senior and junior high school athletic activities and graduation exercises. During the summer it provided facilities for the Softball League, Little League tryouts and locally sponsored athletic contests. Needham's Fourth of July celebration was the main summer attraction. A large crowd gathered to watch the events which included the New England A. A. U. track meet for men and women, and the National Championship 10 mile Road Race. An estimated crowd of 20,000 gathered for the evening's Miss Needham contest and fireworks.

The Trustees met with the special Park and Recreation Committee to discuss their mutual problems and unanimously voted: The functions of the Trustees of Memorial Park as presently constituted will be continued for at least one year.

The heavy rains in the fall caused bad leaks in the Legion House, which have been repaired. Needham Post 14 American Legion, as in former years, made its home available for the Well-Baby Conference, Military Reserve Unit, for their drills, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scout Court of Honor.

Finance Committee

EDMUND W. TROWBRIDGE, *Chairman*

ROBERT W. CHERRY, *Vice-Chairman*

CONRAD W. FRYKBERG, *Secretary*

EBIN F. SMITH

ROBERT W. JENSEN

H. KENT CRABTREE

FREDERICK A. McDERMOTT

J. BOYD BRITTON

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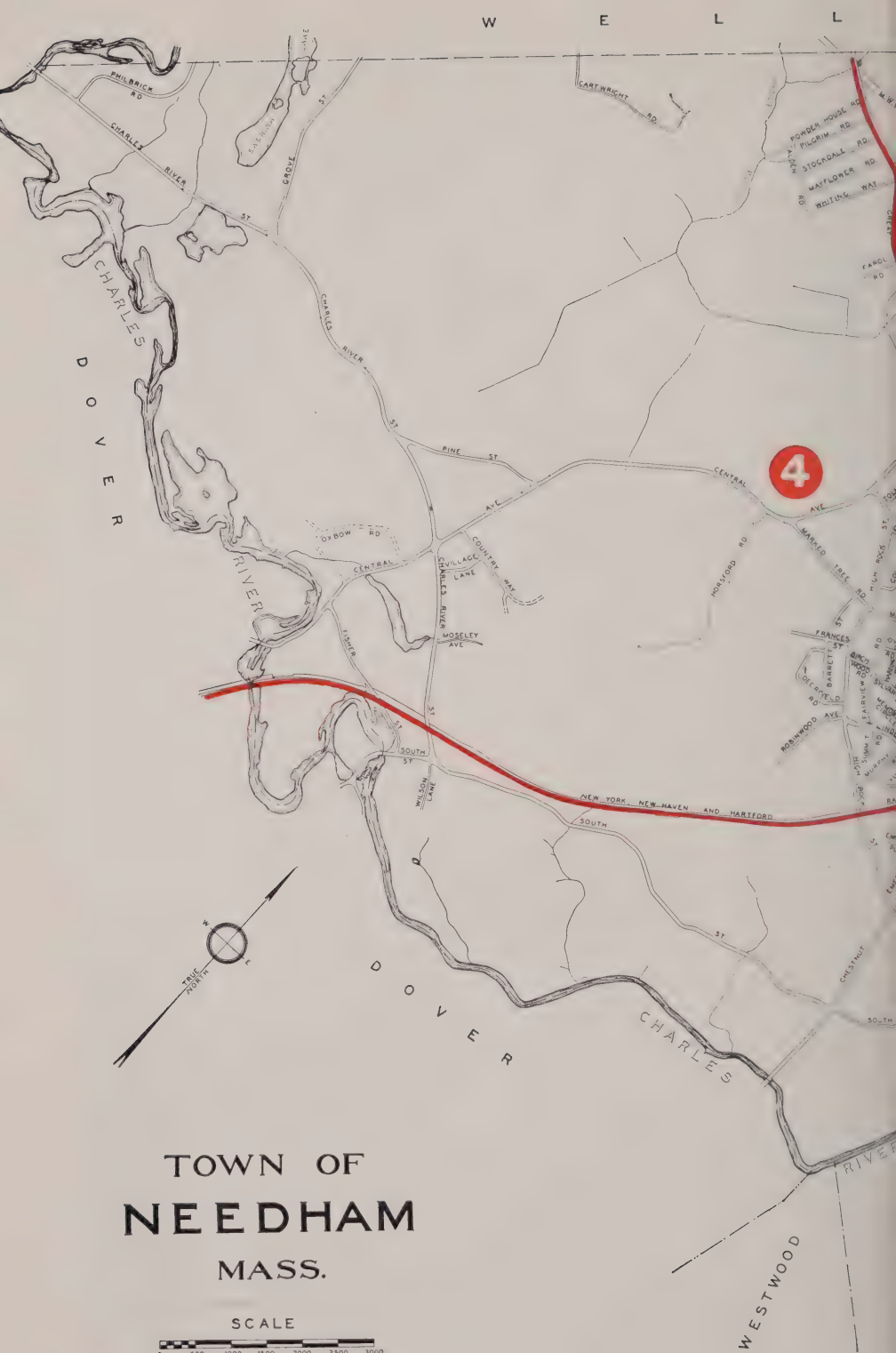
JOHN WALLACE



The Finance Committee consists of nine members, three of whose terms expire each year. All members are appointed by the Moderator. None may be officers, agents or employees of the Town. The function of the Finance Committee is purely advisory except that it has the control of a relatively small Reserve Fund from which it may take grants for unforeseeable but essential expenditures.

The committee is charged with the duty of making recommendations to the Town as to all articles of business appearing in warrants for Town Meetings which involve expenditures. Its recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting must be made in print and its recommendations to other meetings are usually so made. The making of such recommendations involves careful review of amounts requested by the various Town departments and boards for the conduct of their work to the end that their budgets shall contain only such amounts as are deemed essential to effective service and efficient operation. Review of all special articles involving expenditures is also required in order that the town be advised as to whether such expenditures are warranted and will accomplish the purposes for which they are designed. As to all sizeable expenditures for purposes other than ordinary operating expenses, the committee makes recommendations as to whether, or to what extent, borrowing of the funds is wise.

Practically all requests for appropriations have merit. There is almost no limit to the facilities and services which we would like to have if only we could afford them. The useful function of the Finance Committee is to weigh the relative merits of the many proposals, to eliminate propositions which may be at cross purposes or wasteful or which will result in needlessly high future costs. It is the view of the present committee that the mere postponement of expenditures is of little merit, but that embarking upon undertakings which will be likely to involve continuing or growing expenses should be with the realization that we have probably already passed the crest of the tax-rate relieving effect of our new industrial section. Without that development the 1955 tax rate would have been at least \$3 higher. The rate for 1956 will receive about twice that amount of benefit.



TOWN OF
NEEDHAM
MASS.



MAY 1954. FRANK L. CHENEY,
CIVIL ENGINEER. PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

PRECINCT MAP



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NEWTON

DEDHAM

DEDHAM

RIVER

CHARLES

Public Works

LESTER C. HOLLIS, *Superintendent*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Available Funds</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1930	54	\$ 369,440.	\$ 326,379.
1950	78	866,553.	721,636.
1953	88	1,440,501.	1,056,719.
1954	97	1,307,382.	975,111.
1955	94	1,287,123.	1,026,844.

This Department, under the direction of the Selectmen, administers the functions of highway surveyors, water, sewer and park commissioners, tree warden, Town engineer, and such other duties as the Selectmen may designate.

The following reports by the various divisions are brief, but this Department maintains a detailed report which is available to interested citizens.

Public Works has managed to keep up with the continuing great and growing problems, enough so that complaints seem not too severe. We like to report about the many things accomplished of late years, but in the minds of many citizens achievements are sometimes forgotten because of troubles at the moment.

The Town's water, sewer, and highway systems are being taxed to capacity. Street lighting, traffic, parking, and rubbish disposal all present continuing problems. The equipment maintenance division is suffering particularly from growing pains. The increasing demand for additional services shows up in greater wear and tear on equipment. Adequate storage space, shop facilities for a preventative maintenance program, and a sound equipment replacement schedule, are important in economical and well-controlled maintenance.

OF HURRICANES AND FLOODS

Like hurricane Edna of 1954, Diane this year caused severe damage to the Town. In two days, 13 inches of rain caused flooding of many cellars, roadways, culverts, sewers, drains, and our 4 sewer and 4 water pumping stations. Around-the-clock service was maintained on telephones at the Public Works office. Phone calls were received from 364 houses, with 214 of them receiving assistance by crews which kept pumping for five days continuously. A total of \$11,241. was the cost of cleaning debris, temporary replacement of public facilities, and emergency repairs of public facilities and permanent repairs and replacements. It is estimated that all but about \$2,500. will be reimbursed. Over thirty-nine hundred dollars has already been received from the Federal government, and \$5,759. is expected from the Commonwealth.

The Charles River, bordering the Town on the east and west, rose at various places from 8 inches to 14 inches higher than the severe flood of 1936.

It was not until the afternoon of the 6th day that the crest was reached at the Charles River Street water pumping station, and the next morning the level dropped 3 inches, thereby relieving us of the danger of flooding our wells. Temporary restoration of public damage was completed within a period of about two weeks. Since then all permanent repairs have been made except on Abbott Street, a private way, where the blocked culvert caused a wash-out of the roadway and sidewalks.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES INSPECT A WASHOUT
ON ABBOTT ROAD DURING THE AUGUST RAINS.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

H. GORDON MARTIN, *Town Engineer*

Surveys, grades, contract plans, computation, record plans and estimates of assessments were made on the following streets which were accepted by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting, 1955:

Arch Street—from Hillcrest Road to Woodledge Road.

Rae Avenue—from Arch Street to Colby Street.

Pine Grove Street—from Lester Street to Greenough Street.

Ardmore Street and portions of Grasmere Road and Taylor Street from Hunnewell Street to Town owned Highland Park School property.

Elmwood Road—from Great Plain Avenue to the 1949 layout.

Fairfield Street—from Douglas Road to Mann Avenue.

Harding Road—from Overlook Road to Sylvan Road.

Overlook Road—from Oakcrest to Fairview Road.

Roscoe Street—from Webster Street to Horace Street.

Spring Road—from Greendale Avenue to Webster Street.

The following streets were accepted by the Town without assessments and record plans were made of them: Kenney Street, Barbara Road, Lois Lane, Bess Road, Nardone Road, Deerfield Road, Barrett Street, DeFrancesco Circle, Dogwood Lane, and a portion of Taylor Street from the 1940 Town lay-out northeasterly about 910 feet.

This Division has supplied engineering surveys, contract plans, profiles, and studies necessary for the construction of sewers and drains, together with the description and plans of various easements required through private properties. After the completion of construction, twelve record assessment plans have been made and assessments computed for sewers installed. Several long range sewer and drainage studies have been made. Individual house connections record cards have been drawn, showing connections made to every building during the year. These connections are also shown on the sewer record plans, together with all special assessments. Eleven record drain plans were made.

Lines and grades have been given for the construction of sidewalks, together with the computations of assessments to be levied on the completed walks under the Betterment Act. Studies have been made, also lines and grades furnished, for the construction of other public walks and curbs.

Engineering services furnished to other Town Departments include the assignment of house numbers to all new buildings before the issuance of permits, also a check of setbacks, offsets, elevations, existing and proposed utilities.

Nine new Assessor's plans were made during the year, and portions of other plans were revised. Considerable work is necessary on the Assessor's plans, caused by the many additional new developments each year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

New developments, together with new streets, made necessary the drafting of nine new house numbering plans.

Twelve new private streets required engineering inspection on installation of drains, sewer, and water.

Topographical surveys and plans have been made of the Cricket Field and Broadmeadow School Playgrounds.

The street map was revised and brought up to date.

A revised Town Street index was given to the Police Department.

Information has been given private engineers, surveyors, title-examiners and persons connected with public utilities, when requested.

FORESTRY DIVISION

ROBERT L. YOKES, *Deputy Tree Warden, Moth Superintendent*

The removal and replacement of trees damaged by the hurricane and Dutch Elm disease was the main activity of this division in 1955.

Approximately 630 street trees were planted. The majority of these were replacements, and a small percentage were planted in new developments. The trees planted were: Flowering Crab, Dogwood and Cherries, Thornless Honeylocust, European Mountainash, European Linden, Sugar and Norway Maples, and Pin Oaks.

Dutch Elm disease increased considerably, and the main cause was due indirectly to the hurricanes of the previous year. The tremendous amount of elm wood being handled in removals was an excellent breeding media for bark beetle, carriers of the disease.

During the year 5,000 evergreen seedlings were planted in the Town Forest on cleared and thinned areas: Norway Spruce, Austrian Pine and White Spruce. Two hundred and fifty small trees were planted in the Town Nursery; eventually these trees will be used for street planting.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

LOUIS W. WISE, *Divisional Superintendent*

During the year, 7,593.3 square yards of Bituminous Concrete Sidewalks were installed, 5,894.7 square yards in newly constructed streets, and 1,698.7 square yards in streets previously constructed. This constitutes an addition of approximately three miles of improved sidewalks. Four thousand fifty-five feet of town ways, constructed in 1954, under the Betterment Act, were surfaced with stone and asphalt application, two thousand three hundred seventy feet of other ways were also surfaced with stone and asphalt. Great Plain Avenue was surfaced with asphalt and stone under Chapter 90 maintenance provisions by this department for a distance of nine thousand three hundred feet.

Forty-seven thousand one hundred and two feet of Town ways were sealed with a tar and sand application by the personnel of the Highway Division.

Seven thousand eight hundred eighty-one feet of ways are under construction under provisions of the Betterment Act. Of these, 4,720 have been completed except for a stone and asphalt application, 1,242 feet have received a penetration and the remaining 1,919 feet have been graded to rough grade.

In addition to the above work, general maintenance of roads, repair and painting of fences and bridges, minor repairs to concrete and asphalt sidewalks, and street cleaning were carried on continuously through the year.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REMOVES SNOW IN NEEDHAM SQUARE.

Total snow accumulation for 1955 was $18\frac{1}{2}$ " , mostly in small amounts and ice conditions. The Town spent \$17,570. in plowing and sanding its 97 miles of accepted and private streets. This represents a cost of \$180. per mile of street.

In our program for 1956, we hope to restore some of our bituminous walks, and to place stone cover on many of our older Town ways. In addition we propose to resurface Needham Square. Under our Chapter 90 Program, a contract has been awarded for the reconstruction of Great Plain Avenue from North Hill Avenue to George Street. The cost of this work will be \$45,000 of which the town will pay one fourth, the State and County assuming the remaining cost. Also under this program, plans are being made to reconstruct and widen Kendrick Street. The maintenance program will continue the same as last year.

SEWER DIVISION

EDMUND A. SYMONDS, *Divisional Superintendent*

With the completion of the Birds Hill Interceptor sewer along Route 128 another large residential area of the Town can now be connected to the sewer system. This interceptor will also handle the disposal problem of the New England Industrial Area, as well as taking care of any future industrial development in the Newton Water lands, should this land ever be re-zoned for industrial use.

Approximately four miles of new gravity sewer mains were added to the system, along with 3000' of cast iron force main to serve the North Needham Sewer Station. This change will relieve the main sewer on Highland Avenue and Lincoln Street considerably.

There were 247 new services installed, about half of which represent connections for new houses.

Storm water drainage problems are still requiring extensive study following the heavy rains of 1955. An expanded drain construction program for 1956 is being presented, and if completed, should eliminate many of the costly floods experienced in recent years.

WATER DIVISION

ROGER G. OAKMAN, *Superintendent*

With the rapid and continued growth of the Town, the facilities of the water department have been heavily taxed.

Demands are high in our daily pumping, extension of new mains and house connections and to the laying and relaying of water mains in the distribution system.

We pumped a total of 742,652,700 gallons of water, an increase of 20% over last year. Of this amount, 38,798,000 gallons were taken from the M.D.C. supply of the Sudbury Aqueduct. On August 5th we pumped a total of 5,335,700 gallons of water, about 43% more than the previous record. The average daily pumping rate has gone from 1,699,000 gallons to 2,034,600 gallons of water, an increase of 20% over the daily pumping rate of last year. *We are fast approaching the period—about five years or less—when our maximum day's pumping will be over 6,000,000 gallons; previous estimates figured that we would reach the peak about 1975.*

We extended about 12,000 feet of water mains into private streets and developments, and connected about 287 services to new homes. A total of 13,803 feet of water mains varying in size from 6" to 20" were laid in Town streets, of which 10,000 feet were for the improvement and reinforcing of our distribution system.

NEW EQUIPMENT HOUSE FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT MEMORIAL PARK.



A portable gasoline-driven pumping unit was purchased (to be used in conjunction with our other auxiliary pumps) to provide water to the Town in the event of a general electrical power failure as was experienced in the recent hurricanes.

A new water rate schedule was put into effect on July 1, and the receipts from the rates, new services and other charges reflected on our total revenues. Our total receipts this year amounted to approximately \$203,500, an increase of 30% over last year. About \$160,000 of this amount was derived from water rates. It is anticipated that in 1956, when we get a full year's revenue under the new rates, there will be another substantial increase.

It is interesting to note that the applications for service to new homes fell off slightly from last year. There was a considerable drop in the demand for the extension of pipe lines into private ways and developments.

We discontinued the use of about 8800 feet of pipe lines under old route 128 and other streets in conjunction with our main replacement program.

Contributory Retirement Board



MELVILLE W. GRANT, *Chairman*

ROGER G. OAKMAN, *Secretary*

N. GRANT MACKINNON

During the year 1955 there have been two resignations from the Contributory Retirement Board. Mr. Harold A. Smith, who has been Chairman since 1937, was obliged to resign because of ill health, and Mr. Frank L. Cheney, also a member since 1937, left the employ of the Town to go into private business. Mr. N. Grant Mackinnon was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Smith's resignation, and Mr. Roger G. Oakman was elected by the members of the System to fill Mr. Cheney's place.

The membership continues to increase with a total of 68 new enrollees. Refunds of deductions to members leaving the employ of the Town amounted to 34, making a net gain in membership of 34. Four members were retired in 1955 and four pensioners were lost by death.

Deductions of members are invested by the Board in bonds and stocks approved by the State as legal for banks and retirement systems. As of December 31, 1955, these investments amounted to over \$490,000 and represent the largest amount of investment funds belonging to the Town.

Interest at the rate of 2.8% was credited to all members in 1955.

Needham Housing Authority

RALPH E. CHAMBERS, *Chairman*

HARMON S. SHUFRO, *Vice-Chairman*

WILBAR WHITEMORE, *Treasurer*

LESLIE H. WICKEN, *Assistant Treasurer*

JOSEPH M. MASTROPIERI, *Member*

HELEN E. CZARNOWSKI, *Executive Director*



Adequate homes, according to present standards, are essential to the happiness, health and citizenship of all families, and especially to children. Working with families on admission to the Needham High Rock Veterans' Project, in their homemaking and community activities as well as the maintenance of their home and grounds, is the core of the housing program.

Our 80 single homes consist of 36 three-bedroom and 44 two-bedroom units. The Tenant Survey showed that 13 new families were admitted in 1955. Eleven births were recorded, showing a total number of 200 children now in the project.

Applications for housing are filed at the office at 286 Linden Street, and because of the increasing demand for housing, preference is still given to Needham veterans.

In accordance with the regulations of the Management Program, eviction notices were served to four tenants whose incomes were in excess of the continued occupancy limits.

Bids were received on August 15, 1955 for the exterior painting of thirteen units. Contract was awarded to John R. Day & Son, lowest bidder.

Administration funds invested in Treasury Bills were transferred to a Savings account which allowed the Authority to realize a better income.

The notes issued to finance the cost of the project were renewed for one year. With the assistance and instructions of the State Housing Board and present money conditions, the Authority was able to borrow at no cost; in fact it showed a slight profit.

Owing to a law suit between the Authority and the Site Improvement Contractor on which a decision from the Supreme Court is awaited, the Needham Housing Authority is not yet operating on permanent financing.

Mr. Wilbar Whittemore, whose term expires this year, is not seeking reelection. For seven years, the Authority has been most fortunate to have had the devoted, loyal and valuable services of Mr. Whittemore, for which his associates are deeply grateful.

Treasurer and Tax Collector

ARNOLD MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer and Tax Collector*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1930		\$14,253.	\$13,847.
1950	2	11,365.	11,339.
1953	2	14,348.	13,649.
1954	2	13,796.	13,284.
1955	2	14,135.	13,848.

On August 1, 1955, in accordance with Town Meeting votes, we sold the following bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.25%.

Construction of John Eliot School	\$520,000.
Addition to Harris School	90,000.
Street Construction	60,000.

Including the above, our total debt as of January 1, 1956, is at a new all time high of \$5,108,000 divided as follows.

Schools	\$3,690,000.
Sewers	853,000.
Streets	180,000.
Hospital	300,000.
Water	85,000.
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	\$5,108,000.

We have twenty five separate bond issues with interest rates varying from a low of 1% to a high of 2.40%. The rate of interest on municipal bonds is governed for the most part by the condition of the money market at the time the bonds are sold, also the credit of the municipality has an important bearing.

In 1952 the Town voted to re-zone certain land now known as the Needham Industrial Center. For that year, total real estate taxes were less than five thousand dollars. For 1955, taxes on the same area have been paid in an amount in excess of \$162,000.

The 1955 tax levy was \$2,782,767. including real estate, personal property, and betterments added to taxes, and on December 31, 1955, 98.87% of this amount had been paid. All 1955 poll taxes have been paid in full, and all 1954 real estate taxes have been paid with the exception of \$189.66.

REPORT OF THE NEWTON WATER LANDS COMMITTEE

Established under Article No. 14, Special Town Meeting, November 14, 1955

HENRY D. HERSEY, *Chairman*

EVERETT C. CROSS, *Secretary*

EDWARD J. STEWART

HAROLD PUTNAM

GEORGE M. WILE

HERBERT L. DODGE

PHILIP F. FOSS

HENRY W. HARDY

CHARLES E. DAWNE

ALDEN EBERLY

This committee of ten members consists of the Board of Selectmen and their representative on the Legislative Recess Commission for the study of the Brookline-Newton Water Lands, the Town Moderator, the Town Council, a representative of the Planning Board, the Special Parks and Recreation Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Charles River Lands Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to negotiate with the City of Newton, the owner, and any bidders for the abandoned land, formerly used for water purposes, lying in the Town of Needham, to secure a portion of such land for public purposes, to make recommendations to the Planning Board, and to the March, 1956, Annual Town Meeting, concerning re-zoning of such portions of Newton Water Lands as should be made available for private purposes.

The committee feels that due to the tremendous growth in the population of the town that a master plan furnished by experienced consulting engineers should be developed which would clearly show the necessary facilities for the future, such as: parks and recreation, incineration, and industrial and residential development for the tax income. Besides the interest in this land by Needham and the City of Newton, the M. D. C. is planning to construct a system of flood control along the Charles River and Mother Brook. The Metropolitan District Commission has also filed a bill in the 1956 Legislature which calls for acquiring all or part of this land for the expansion of its park and recreation program.

As of this date, the committee is meeting with several of the parties interested in this land in order to arrive at an intelligent conclusion for the best interest of the Town before any requests are made of the Planning Board and the Town for re-zoning.

The committee has also requested the Board of Selectmen to contact the Town of Brookline relative to taking an option on approximately 62 acres of land owned by them bordering the Charles River in the Town of Needham.

An article or articles will be inserted in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1956.

Town Accountant

MELVILLE W. GRANT, *Town Accountant*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1930	2	\$ 3,260.	\$ 3,257.
1950	2	10,118.	10,116.
1953	3	17,641.	17,640.
1954	3	15,330.	15,329.
1955	4	17,508.	17,387.

The above figures show a great change in the cost of operating the Accounting Department in 1955 over 1930. This is due to the tremendous growth of the Town and the requirements of operating the same. The total expenditures for the year 1930 were \$2,243,661. as compared with the 1955 cost of \$6,270,614.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, the following reports are submitted. All reports are arranged in accordance with the classification prescribed by the Director of Accounts.

A detailed report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1955 is on file with the Board of Selectmen.

DEBT STATEMENT

Also Amounts from Principals and Interest During Year 1955

	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	Paid in 1955	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	Principal Due in 1956	Interest Due in 1956
Broadmeadow School, 1952-72	\$ 595,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 8,680.00
Dwight School Add. 1951-70	70,000.00	5,000.00	65,000.00	5,000.00	910.00
John Eliot School, 1956-74			520,000.00	30,000.00	11,700.00
Harris School Add. 1956-73.....			90,000.00	5,000.00	2,025.00
High Rock School (O.D.L.) 1951-71	85,000.00	5,000.00	80,000.00	5,000.00	1,317.50
High Rock School, 1951-71	230,000.00	15,000.00	215,000.00	15,000.00	3,527.50
High Rock School Add. 1953-72	180,000.00	10,000.00	170,000.00	10,000.00	3,400.00
William Mitchell School 1950- 69	320,000.00	25,000.00	295,000.00	25,000.00	5,162.50
Hospital Addition, 1947-67	325,000.00	25,000.00	300,000.00	25,000.00	4,500.00
Senior High School Add. 1953- 72	1,710,000.00	95,000.00	1,615,000.00	95,000.00	38,760.00
Senior High School—Remodel- ing and Reconstruction, 1953- 72	95,000.00	15,000.00	80,000.00	10,000.00	1,920.00
Sewer Construction 1924-55	5,000.00	5,000.00			
Sewer Construction 1947-57	57,000.00	19,000.00	38,000.00	19,000.00	475.00
Sewer Construction 1948-58	80,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00	20,000.00	1,050.00
Sewer Construction 1949-79	125,000.00	5,000.00	120,000.00	5,000.00	2,100.00
Sewer Construction 1950-58	20,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	210.00
Sewer Construction 1952-62	120,000.00	15,000.00	105,000.00	15,000.00	1,680.00
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook District 1952-72	210,000.00	15,000.00	195,000.00	15,000.00	3,120.00
Sewer Construction 1953-72	340,000.00	20,000.00	320,000.00	20,000.00	7,680.00
Street Construction 1946-56	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	62.50
Street Construction 1951-59	25,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	297.50
Street Construction 1952-62	80,000.00	10,000.00	70,000.00	10,000.00	1,120.00
Street Construction 1953-60	30,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	600.00
Street Construction 1956-65			60,000.00	10,000.00	1,350.00
Water Storage Tank 1950-56	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	70.00
Water Const. Pumping Station and Mains 1955-59	100,000.00	20,000.00	80,000.00	20,000.00	800.00
Total	\$4,822,000.00	\$384,000.00	\$5,108,000.00	\$419,000.00	\$102,517.50

Where the Money Came From

	1955	1954
CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1	\$1,274,902.57	\$ 834,586.41
GENERAL REVENUE:		
Needham Taxes:		
Poll	\$ 11,370.00	\$ 10,622.00
Personal	119,147.50	104,778.25
Real	2,560,827.97	2,286,906.44
Total Taxes	\$2,691,345.47	\$2,402,306.69
From State:		
Corporation Taxes	\$ 101,290.41	\$ 114,400.41
Income Taxes	129,154.96	21,850.00
School, Chapter 70	52,700.00	141,159.70
Total from State	\$ 283,145.37	\$ 277,410.11
Special Assessments:		
Added to Tax Bills:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 328,900.90	\$ 251,841.17
Sewer	32,386.07	27,565.81
Sewer House Connections	7,750.13	6,917.88
Sidewalk	604.17	434.61
Street	14,872.24	7,418.98
Paid in Advance:		
Sewer	38,880.67	73,048.38
Sewer House Connections	24,542.98	21,038.12
Sidewalk	2,050.72	2,893.44
Street	19,360.02	37,941.47
Total Special Assessments	\$ 469,347.90	\$ 429,099.86
Court Fines, District Court, North Norfolk	\$ 986.00	\$ 429.00
Permits and Licenses	959.50	1,028.75
Taxes on Land for Water Purposes:		
Brookline, Newton, Wellesley and State	4,530.00	352.50
Total Fines, Permits and Water Land Taxes	\$ 6,475.50	\$ 1,810.25
Grants and Gifts:		
County:		
Dog Tax and Highway Fund, Roads, Chapter 90	\$ 5,120.06	\$ 8,434.22
Federal Government:		
Aid to Dependent Children	2,972.70	3,506.65
Disability Assistance	5,513.93	5,358.00
Old Age Assistance	52,482.45	52,721.71
State:		
Adult Civic Education	148.50	144.00
Highway Fund, Roads, Chapter 90	4,054.13	11,945.87
Meal Tax	2,694.10	3,055.73
Real Estate Taxes, Paraplegics	4,402.50	4,382.50
School Construction Aid, Chapter 645-1948	64,218.82	41,330.50
School Transportation	13,278.35	12,445.62
Total Grants and Gifts	\$ 154,885.54	\$ 143,324.80

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued

DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS:

	1955	1954
Board of Appeals, Hearing Costs	\$ 453.80	\$ 683.05
Civil Defense, Sale of Dry Ice		48.75
Glover Memorial Hospital:		
Services	361,109.38	306,697.07
Laboratory	7,458.87	5,075.84
X-Ray	45,434.80	35,281.72
Miscellaneous	340.42	724.90
Blue Cross Advance Payments and Interest		9,439.19
Health, Communicable Diseases, Dog Clinic, Dental Clinic, Cesspool Fees and Well Child Conference	2,545.41	3,256.02
Inspection, Building, Gas, Wiring Fees and Sale of Building By-Laws	15,751.30	18,539.58
Library Fines, Lost and Damaged Books, Registration Fees and Sale of Junk	3,988.64	3,176.24
Needham Housing Authority, Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,024.00	10,995.61
Police, Ambulance Services, Bicycle Fees and Revolver Permits	968.00	991.00
Planning Board, Hearing Costs	323.03	286.00
Public Works, Sale of Maps, Rental of Equipment, Rental of Real Estate, Cleaning House Connections	1,566.70	1,381.95
Recreation, Rosemary Beach and Playground Receipts	2,139.20	2,093.39
Salvage Contract	1,619.84	1,766.62
School:		
Rental of Auditorium	840.00	505.00
Tuition from Cities and Towns, Individuals and State	5,244.52	6,463.41
Telephone, Breakage, Lost Books, etc.	660.17	371.07
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Fees	283.40	291.00
Town Clerk, Certificates, Permits, Licenses and Fees	7,271.27	6,807.61
Town Hall and Grounds, Miscellaneous Receipts	6.36	4.65
Treasurer and Tax Collector, Tax Titles, Sale of Land and Rental of Town Property	3,668.80	3,335.24
Parking Meter Receipts	9,937.33	9,905.94
Veterans' Services, Reimbursement from State	12,011.54	11,720.23
Water:		
Rates	160,741.20	125,993.79
Repairs	2,750.27	895.25
New Services	23,128.10	10,136.36
Connection Fees	17,250.51	17,556.62
Miscellaneous Receipts	635.97	461.58
Liens	1,274.53	208.90
Welfare:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Receipts from State	1,359.06	1,558.67
Disability Assistance:		
Receipts from State	5,179.74	5,245.85
Recoveries from Individuals		2,100.00
General Relief Assistance:		
Receipts from Cities and Towns	1,187.99	362.00
Receipts from State	861.79	809.98
Old Age Assistance:		
Receipts from Cities and Towns	2,945.63	4,544.22
Receipts from State	54,058.36	49,259.96
Recoveries from Individuals	11,504.32	6,480.07

Total Departmental Receipts \$ 769,524.25 \$ 665,454.33

SCHOOL FUNDS:

	1955	1954
Athletic Funds, Receipts Senior and Junior High Schools	\$ 4,916.83	\$ 7,139.28
Cafeteria Receipts, All Schools	97,797.48	89,880.43
Commonwealth of Mass. School Lunch Program	34,285.60	24,588.77
Total School Funds	\$ 136,999.91	\$ 121,608.48

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Loans Authorized:

Harris School Addition, Principal, Premium and Interest	\$ 90,024.30	
Highland Park School, Principal, Premium and Interest	520,140.40	
Street Construction 1955, Principal, Premium and Interest	60,016.20	
Water, Construction Pumping Station and Mains 1954, Principal, Premium and Interest		100,167.78
Total Municipal Indebtedness	\$ 670,180.90	\$ 100,167.78

BONDS MATURED:

U. S. Treasury Bills	\$	\$2,991,062.00
Interest		8,938.00
Total Bonds Matured	\$	\$3,000,000.00

TEMPORARY LOANS:

Anticipation Serial Sales:

Highland Park School	\$ 40,000.00	
Total Temporary Loan	\$ 40,000.00	

INTEREST:

Betterments, Sewer, Sewer House Connections and Street	\$ 19,306.20	\$ 14,778.50
Motor Vehicle Excise	194.55	131.31
Poll, Personal and Real	1,262.37	1,445.14
Tax Titles	6.23	123.14
War Salvage Fund		68.59
Total Interest	\$ 20,769.35	\$ 16,546.68

COSTS:

Motor Vehicle Excise, Poll, Personal and Real	\$ 889.78	\$ 733.60
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TRUST FUNDS:

Income	\$ 3,017.48	\$ 2,819.55
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REFUNDS:

Hurricane Damage	\$ 51,081.39	
Miscellaneous	4,177.70	\$ 705.29
Total Refunds	\$ 55,259.09	\$ 705.29

TRANSFERS:

War Salvage Fund to Senior High School Memorial Library	\$	\$ 4,205.04
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DEDUCTIONS:

Withheld from Employees:

Blue Cross	\$ 13,651.95	
Group Life Insurance	3,355.43	
Withholding Taxes	260,972.54	\$ 230,908.38

Total Deductions	\$ 277,979.92	\$ 230,908.38
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Total	\$6,854,723.03	\$8,231,687.25
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Where the Money Went

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

	1955	1954
Finance Committee—Salary and Expenses	\$ 2,906.80	\$ 2,351.95
Selectmen—Salaries, Expenses, Capital Outlay and Town Meetings	6,219.90	6,233.78
Selectmen—Emergency Hurricane Damage		58,966.57
Selectmen—Civil Defense, Salaries, Expenses, Capital Outlay and Travel Out of State	6,615.33	5,727.58
Selectmen—Remodeling Town Hall Auditorium	90.00	
Selectmen—Repainting and Repairing Fire and Police Station		493.00
Accounting—Salaries, Expenses and Capital Outlay	17,387.49	15,329.65
Treasurer and Tax Collector—Salaries, Expenses, Bonds and Tax Title Expenses	13,847.93	13,284.47
Town Clerk—Salaries, Expenses, Fees and Capital Outlay	7,986.70	8,053.38
Town Clerk—Census Taking 1955	1,153.45	85.39
Town Clerk—Printing Town By-Laws	351.50	
Election and Registration—Salaries, Expenses, Tellers and Canvassers and Capital Outlay	8,556.50	11,478.70
Assessors—Salaries, Expenses, Card System, Capital Outlay and Travel Out of State	19,141.62	17,338.71
Legal—Salary, Expenses and Damages	4,888.34	6,815.62
Town Hall and Grounds—Salaries, Expenses and Capital Outlay	18,669.52	12,663.12
Board of Appeals—Salaries and Expenses	1,172.93	1,503.03
Planning Board—Salary, Expenses and Capital Outlay	4,610.89	3,486.24
Personnel Committee—Salaries and Expenses	646.09	882.93
Total General Government	\$ 114,244.99	\$ 164,694.12

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Department:		
Salaries	\$ 150,580.65	\$ 141,076.69
Expenses	20,358.23	18,917.87
Capital Outlay	5,440.29	4,057.09
Total Police Department	\$ 176,379.17	\$ 164,051.65

Fire Department:		
Salaries	\$ 179,005.80	\$ 165,216.68
Expenses	16,702.40	16,367.14
Capital Outlay	36,955.76	2,175.00
Total Fire Department	\$ 232,663.96	\$ 183,758.82

Miscellaneous Protection:

Fire Alarm—Salaries, Expenses and Capital Outlay	\$ 11,383.62	\$ 19,749.15
Forest Warden—Salaries, Expenses and Forest Patrol ..	599.40	597.30
Inspection—Salaries, Expenses and Transportation	20,419.40	17,474.87
Animal Inspector—Salary and Transportation	527.06	526.92
Dog Officer	700.00	700.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Salary, Expenses and Transportation	1,425.90	1,416.45
Total Miscellaneous Protection	\$ 35,055.38	\$ 40,464.69

WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

HEALTH AND SANITATION:

	1955	1954
Health—Salaries, Expenses and Capital Outlay and Nuisance Abatement	\$ 16,027.57	\$ 16,946.86
Dental Clinic—Salaries and Expenses	3,636.79	2,295.19
Garbage Removal	26,433.32	24,700.00
Hospitalization	4,296.34	4,239.92
Mosquito Control	6,410.34	5,821.25
Total Health	\$ 56,804.36	\$ 54,003.22

Sanitation:

Drains Construction, Art. 19/54	\$	\$ 34,816.02
Drains Construction, Art. 30/54	13,621.11	1,378.89
Drains Construction, Art. 31/54		2,772.63
Drains Construction, Art. 32/54		672.50
Drains Construction, Art. 9/54 S.T.M.		4,200.00
Drains Construction, Art. 27/55	61,301.61	
Drains Construction, Art. 40/55	2,781.69	
Sewer Construction, Art. 34/52	4,094.74	27,722.54
Sewer Construction, Art. 1/52 S.T.M.	202.87	
Sewer Construction, Art. 27/53	16,927.63	70,829.34
Sewer Construction, Art. 28/53	80,090.48	113,837.65
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook Area		4,552.20
Sewer Construction, Art. 21/54	53,650.55	8,555.18
Sewer Construction, Art. 29/55	31,969.08	
Sewer House Connections	30,823.99	30,428.92

Total Sanitation	\$ 295,463.75	\$ 299,765.87
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Salaries, Wages and Maintenance Expenses	\$ 337,189.06	\$ 292,188.46
Capital Outlay	55,465.08	9,066.63
Dutch Elm Disease	4,000.00	3,610.88
Highway Specific Repairs	14,839.51	9,348.28
Moth Control	4,623.50	3,635.41
Park Improvements	1,601.39	666.12
Parking Meters	193.84	104.44
Poison Ivy Control	419.80	375.82
Purchase Portable Gasoline Pump	2,761.60	
Roads, Chapter 90—Construction	4,111.75	25,893.50
Roads, Chapter 90—Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00
Roads, Chapter 90—Charles River Bridge	13.23	
Sidewalk Construction	2,926.92	3,500.00
School Walks		6,597.46
Snow Removal	17,570.70	28,657.37
Streets Constructions	62,236.17	49,924.83
Street Lighting	33,424.21	30,428.07
Town Forest	1,500.00	1,407.87
Traffic Signals—Highland Ave. and Webster Street	5,199.54	
Travel Out of State	389.18	252.63

Total Public Works	\$ 551,465.48	\$ 468,657.77
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WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Construction—Mains and Services	\$ 90,893.20	\$ 127,878.67
Water Main Replacements	50,000.00	24,997.97
Water Supply—Study		3,190.73
Water—Construction Pumping Station and Mains	32,611.06	50,619.98

Total Water Department	\$ 173,504.26	\$ 206,687.35
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WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

PUBLIC WELFARE:

	1955	1954
General Relief—Salaries and Expenses	\$ 650.79	\$ 1,239.81
General Relief—Assistance	3,018.69	6,995.22
Old Age Assistance—Salaries and Expenses	13,093.26	12,024.31
Old Age Assistance—Assistance	132,614.44	125,576.28
Aid to Dependent Children—Salaries and Expenses	1,811.04	852.52
Aid to Dependent Children—Assistance	6,354.98	5,263.06
Disability Assistance—Salaries and Expenses	2,201.24	1,956.62
Disability Assistance—Assistance	14,308.39	12,784.37
Total Public Welfare	\$ 174,052.83	\$ 166,692.19

VETERANS' SERVICES:

Veterans' Services—Salaries, Expenses and Transportation	\$ 6,358.34	\$ 6,664.29
Veterans' Benefits	27,542.55	28,238.66
Total Veterans' Services	\$ 33,900.89	\$ 34,902.95

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Salaries	\$ 966,498.76	\$ 824,721.54
Auxiliary Agencies	15,294.92	13,927.46
Expenses of Instructions	49,376.33	42,792.31
General Control	2,693.35	2,709.00
Maintenance	48,127.59	45,206.68
Operating Expenses	73,103.76	56,589.06
Outlay	14,605.74	20,032.32
Travel Out of State	564.87	906.69
Transportation, Pupils	30,009.00	32,405.73
Adult Civic Education	490.76	389.00
Vocational Tuition	5,107.52	4,513.59
Total School Department	\$1,205,872.60	\$1,044,193.38
Study Additional School Needs	\$ 411.63	\$
School Funds:		
Athletic Expenses, Senior and Junior High	\$ 5,528.93	\$ 7,678.65
Cafeteria Expenses	131,914.97	116,310.81
Total School Funds	\$ 137,443.90	\$ 123,989.46

FLOOD AFTERTHOUGHT

Among the minor emergencies unnoticed by the Town during the recent floods was the kindly neighbor who endeavored to help out the "helpless" woman next door. Her basement had several inches of water in it, and the sump was not operating properly. The water in the sump, below the level of the floor, was about ten inches deep. The story has it that the neighbor lost his footing; went head first into the sump hole; was caught in the mud; and had to be rescued. By the "helpless" woman, of course!

WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION:

	1955	1954
Avery School Playgrounds	\$	\$ 134.74
Broadmeadow School Construction	1,981.72	3,874.00
Broadmeadow School Play Area	5,138.73	
Dwight School Play Area	5,504.55	
Harris School Addition, Plans and Specifications	927.58	58.23
Harris School Addition, Construction	270.56	
Highland Park School, Plans and Specifications	2,095.45	2,904.55
Highland Park School, Constructions	254,270.35	
High Rock School Construction (Elementary)		2.85
High Rock School Addition, Construction	955.75	79,990.66
High Rock School, Playgrounds	1,567.55	8,404.29
William Mitchell and Stephen Palmer Playgrounds		819.13
Stephen Palmer School, Cafeteria		294.40
Senior High School Addition, Plans and Specifications	220.87	180.68
Senior High School Addition, Construction	207,593.31	873,926.17
Senior High School Addition, Remodeling and Recon- struction	16,651.65	63,659.76
Senior High, Memorial Library	4,433.80	
Junior High School Addition, Plans and Specifications	4,192.27	201.46
Total School Construction	\$ 505,804.14	\$1,034,450.92

LIBRARY:

Salaries	\$ 31,412.82	\$ 27,630.71
Bindings, Expenses and Supplies	3,310.87	3,313.61
Books and Periodicals	9,490.36	8,917.72
Building Maintenance	4,287.37	2,738.25
Branch Library, Rent	1,133.32	1,000.00
Capital Outlay	1,000.00	695.30
John B. Tolman Fund	757.46	975.39
William H. Wye Fund		70.09
Total Library	\$ 51,392.20	\$ 45,341.07

GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

Salaries	\$ 281,946.84	\$ 258,556.83
Building Maintenance	36,172.65	29,058.95
Capital Outlay	1,461.81	9,813.59
Expenses	9,876.71	9,284.79
Equipment and Supplies	93,519.01	92,177.61
Travel Out of State	300.00	300.00
X-Ray and Laboratory	22,970.55	17,915.44
Blue Cross Reserve Fund		9,248.07
Total Hospital	\$ 446,247.57	\$ 426,355.28

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?

Needham was originally a part of Dedham!

WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

	1955	1954
RECREATION:		
Memorial Park:		
Salaries and Expenses	\$ 9,377.43	\$ 8,499.64
Capital Outlay	1,017.59	1,351.00
Fence		400.00
Construction, Equipment House	15,000.00	
Recreation:		
Salaries	18,651.10	15,994.25
Services	7,131.12	4,788.56
Recreation:		
Capital Outlay	3,588.02	884.30
Cricket Field Improvement	3,457.30	5,000.00
River Park Playgrounds	286.50	49.62
Rosemary Beach and Lake Maintenance		2,954.27
Total Recreation	\$ 58,509.06	\$ 39,921.64

MISCELLANEOUS:

Annuities—Gaughan, Haddock and McLeod	\$ 4,135.02	\$ 4,135.02
Annuity—Chapter 56, Section 32—Cobb	1,444.80	
Annuity—Chapter 58, Section 32—Frost	3,055.00	3,055.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	800.00	800.00
Committee—Building By-Laws		153.10
Committee—School Housing	9,689.34	
Committee—Special Parks and Recreation	1,540.00	
Contributory Retirement—Contribution	36,964.00	34,126.00
Contributory Retirement Expenses	700.00	700.00
Insurance, Group Life	3,301.56	
Insurance, Self Insurance	5,179.11	
Insurance, Premiums—Town Schedule	20,475.16	42,567.49
Memorial Day Expenses	422.90	443.82
Purchase of Land:		
H. S. Baldelli		600.00
D. R. Gherin-Ghelli		5,000.00
James A. Massie		520.00
J. Moffatt		3,799.00
Frederick B. Philbrick		100.00
Helen H. Shaw	20,000.00	
Reimbursement, Norfolk County Jail		200.00
Town Reports	2,394.29	3,131.16
Town Property—Betterments	3,110.97	3,489.26
Town Property—Tax Payments	137.50	58.93
Unclassified Miscellaneous Expenses	250.80	227.92
Unpaid Bills—Prior Years	50.00	105.58
Total Miscellaneous	\$ 113,650.45	\$ 103,212.28

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Maturing Debt	\$ 384,000.00	\$ 369,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	94,567.50	100,712.50
Total Municipal Indebtedness	\$ 478,567.50	\$ 469,712.50

WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

OTHER EXPENDITURES:		1955	1954
Blue Cross—Employees Deductions	\$	12,098.08	\$
Group Life Insurance—Employees Deductions		3,297.72	
Norfolk County Hospital		35,508.49	31,394.43
Norfolk County Tax		59,159.40	50,138.87
Refunds and Transfers		28,629.81	21,177.87
State Tax and Assessments		61,699.85	55,693.97
U. S. Treasury Bills		994,352.00	1,496,616.00
Withholding Tax		234,435.50	230,908.38
Total Other Expenses		\$1,429,180.85	\$1,885,929.52
Total Expenditures for the Year		\$6,270,614.97	\$6,956,784.68
Cash on Hand December 31st		584,108.06	1,274,902.57
Total		\$6,854,723.03	\$8,231,687.25



TYPICAL OF THE SUMMER ACTIVITY IN NEEDHAM IS THIS
GAME AT THE MITCHELL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1955

General Accounts

Assets

CASH ON HAND—DECEMBER 31, 1955 \$ 584,108.06
 U. S. TREASURY BILLS 994,352.00

ADVANCES FOR PETTY CASH:

Health \$ 10.00
 Hospital 100.00
 Library 20.00
 School—Athletic Assoc. 350.00
 School—Cafeteria 34.00
 School—Senior High 50.00
 School—Superintendent's Office 50.00
 Tax Collector 100.00
 Town Clerk 35.00
 Treasurer 50.00
 Veterans' Service 50.00
 Welfare 10.00

\$1,578,460.06

Liabilities and Reserves

RESERVE FOR PETTY CASH \$ 859.00

TRUST FUND INCOME:

Barr, Library Fund \$ 19.37
 Dwight School Fund 180.00
 T. Otis Fuller, Hospital Fund 1,066.13
 Greenwood, Library Fund 471.14
 Lyon Hospital Fund 828.28
 Mary E. Moseley, Hospital Fund 909.73
 John B. Tolman, Library Fund 2,252.08
 William H. Wye, Library Fund 62.21

5,788.94

DOG LICENSES:

Due County 122.40

EXCESS, SALE OF LAND

Chapter 60, Section 79 81.22

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Taxes 1953:
 Real \$ 54.05
 Taxes 1954:
 Real 189.66
 Taxes 1955:
 Personal 1,726.25
 Real 32,892.00
 Taxes—Chapter 59, Section 5A 34,618.25
 Real 284.80

OVERLAY, RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS:

Overlay 1953 \$ 1,332.51
 Overlay 1955 7,805.67

9,138.18

OVERLAY SURPLUS, RESERVE FUND ..

3,121.05

PARKING METER RECEIPTS

40,772.38

RESERVE SALE OF REAL ESTATE:

16,750.00

Chapter 44, Section 63

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax \$ 28,093.31
 Special Assessments:
 Committed Interest 195.89
 Sewer 10,119.89
 Sewer Committed Interest 216.63

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:

Taxes 1955 28,093.31

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Sidewalk:
 Added to Taxes 1955 \$ 34.15

Assets

Unapportioned	3,525.45
Street:	
Added to Taxes 1955	\$ 488.26
Unapportioned	24,911.88
Sewer:	
Added to Taxes 1953	\$ 18.55
Added to Taxes 1955	732.02
Unapportioned	9,369.32
Sewer House Connections:	
Added to Taxes 1955	\$ 17.49
Unapportioned	10,699.27
Committed Interest:	
Added to Taxes 1955	
Sewer Committed Interest:	
Added to Taxes 1953	\$ 5.19
Added to Taxes 1955	211.44
Water Liens:	
Added to Taxes 1955	

TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:

Tax Titles	\$ 1,010.32
Tax Possessions	835.44

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Health	\$ 1,617.15
Hospital—Laboratory	252.35
Hospital—Services	40,695.72
Hospital—X-Ray	4,629.60
Police	181.00
Public Works	586.21
School	8,286.35
Veterans' Benefits	6,156.02

Liabilities and Reserves

Sewer House Connections	10,716.76
Sidewalks	3,559.30
Street	25,400.14
Departmental	65,386.19
Tax Titles	1,010.32
Tax Possessions	835.44
Taxes on Deceased Persons	284.80
Water	30,206.34
	176,025.01

SEWER ASSESSMENT RECEIPTS RESERVE:

Sewer Construction Reserve Fund	82,239.97
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SPECIAL RECEIPTS RESERVED, EMPLOYEES DEDUCTIONS

Blue Cross	\$ 1,553.87
Group Life Insurance	57.71
Withholding Tax	26,537.04
	28,148.62

STATE AND COUNTY AID TO HIGHWAY REVENUE

35,750.00

SURPLUS REVENUE:

511,785.01

TAILINGS, UNCLAIMED CHECKS

21.90

WATER DEPOSITS, CONNECTION FEES

1,066.85

WELFARE RECOVERIES:

4,306.22

APPROPRIATION, UNEXPENDED BALANCES:

Selectmen, Town Hall Auditorium	\$ 198.00
Town Clerk, Expenses	31.83
Town Clerk, Capital Outlay	240.00
Town Clerk, Census Taking 1955	2,261.16
Planning Board, Expenses	3,357.50
Fire, George Deen Fund	12.43
Drains Construction:	
Article 4/54 S.T.M.	20,000.00

BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1955 — Continued

Assets

Welfare—Aid Dependent Children 959.86
 Welfare—Old Age Assistance 2,021.93
 65,386.19

WATER:

Water, Rates \$ 24,927.00
 Water, Repairs 851.39
 Water, New Services 1,471.33
 Water, Miscellaneous 363.75
 Water, Connection Fees 2,567.67
 30,181.14

STATE AND COUNTY AID TO HIGHWAYS:

County:
 Chapter 90 Construction \$ 11,250.00
 Charles River Bridge 1,000.00
 State:
 Chapter 90—Construction 22,500.00
 Charles River Bridge 1,000.00
 35,750.00

OVERLAY:

Deficit 1952 \$ 6.60
 Deficit 1954 1,215.00

NORFOLK COUNTY TAX:

Underestimate

STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS:

Underestimate 989.51
 TOTAL \$1,833,346.54

Liabilities and Reserves

Article 27/55 1,782.37
 Article 40/55 4,445.68
 Sewer Construction:
 Article 27/53 8,616.80
 Article 21/54 6,004.12
 Article 29/55 78,436.58
 Highway Specific Repairs 16,426.83
 Pedestrian Light, Highland Ave. and Rose-
 mary 1,500.00
 Purchase Portable Gasoline Pump 2,238.40
 Roads, Chapter 90, Construction 44,994.75
 Roads, Chapter 90, Charles River Bridge .. 2,986.77
 Sidewalk Construction 573.08
 Streets Construction 20,733.29
 Street Light Installation 1,575.88
 Water, Construction Pumping Station and
 Mains 16,768.96
 Study Additional School Needs 140.17
 School Funds—Athletic Senior High 2,720.17
 School Funds—Athletic Junior High 17.36
 School Funds—Cafeteria 168.11
 School Funds—George Deen 61.50
 School Construction:
 Broadmeadow, Play Area 361.27
 Dwight, Play Area 495.45
 Harris School, Plans and Specifications ... 14.19
 Harris School, Addition 104,729.44
 Highland Park School Construction 328,229.65
 Highland Park, Easement Sudbury Aque-
 duct 250.00
 Highland Park, Construction of Fence 750.00
 High Rock School, Addition Plans and
 Specifications 3,237.48
 High Rock School Addition, Construction .. 29,215.71
 High Rock School—Elementary Construc-
 tion 1,652.56
 High Rock School—Playgrounds 226.88
 Senior High School Addition, Plans and
 Specifications 14.57

This is where the money came from!

Taxes: Poll, Personal, and Real	40.92%
Special Assessments	7.14
Hospital Receipts	6.30
Taxes: State, Corp., and Income	4.31
Water Receipts	3.13
Loans Authorized	10.19
All Others	28.01

100%

This is where the money went!

Schools	23.95%
School Construction	9.02
Municipal Indebtedness	8.53
Hospital	7.95
Protection of Persons and Property	7.92
Public Works	9.83
Sanitation	5.27
Water	3.09
Welfare	3.10
General Government	2.04
State and County Tax	2.15
All Others	17.15

100%

Liabilities and Reserves

Senior High School Addition, Construction	116,919.84
Senior High School, Remodeling and Construction	48,913.45
Senior High School, Memorial Library	70.81
Junior High School, Plans and Specifications	606.27
Junior High School—Land Option	1,000.00
Glover Memorial Hospital—Blue Cross Reserve	191.12
Recreation, Cricket Field Improvements	3,042.70
Recreation, River Park Playgrounds	105.35
Committee, Study Building By-Laws	96.95
Committee, School Housing	5,310.66
Committee, Special Park and Recreation	60.00
Committee, Rubbish Collection	1,000.00
Insurance, Group Life	3,698.44
Insurance, Self Insurance	12,320.89
Land Taking, Babson Park	41.69
Acquisition of Land, Eminent Domain: Anne G. Baxter et. al.	1,000.00
Highland Park	30.00
Needham Real Estate Association	1.00
Easement Over Land—E. C. Thorpe et. al.	3.00
Railroad Right of Way	1.00
Purchase of Land, River Park	803.74
Purchase of Land, Frank Ott and Francis Gunaris	5,500.00
Purchase of Land, Edw. A. and Leona M. Rimmele	6,000.00
Purchase of Land, Robert L. Rimmele	5,000.00
Norfolk County Hospital: Overestimate	917,185.85
TOTAL	183.94
	\$1,833,346.54

Deferred Revenue, Debt Accounts and Trust Funds

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS: Apportioned Assessments Due:

	Sidewalk	Street	Sewer	Sewer House Connections
Due in 1954			\$ 84.08	
Due in 1955			80.50	Dr.
Due in 1956	\$515.24	\$14,152.31	29,793.08	\$ 6,954.99
Due in 1957	477.82	14,152.31	29,785.63	6,743.78
Due in 1958	331.19	12,128.50	28,522.02	6,194.40
Due in 1959	164.94	12,128.50	27,418.79	5,770.40
Due in 1960	118.17	11,575.16	25,796.45	5,101.96
Due in 1961	70.02	11,030.84	22,724.27	4,353.54
Due in 1962	48.88	11,015.00	21,690.05	3,822.69
Due in 1963	33.06	7,830.12	15,899.08	3,022.33
Due in 1964	11.31	7,830.12	6,986.57	1,348.19
TOTAL	\$1,770.63	\$101,842.86	\$208,619.52	\$43,317.24

DEBT ACCOUNTS:

	1955	1954
Broadmeadow School 1952-1972	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 595,000.00
Dwight School Addition 1951-1970	65,000.00	70,000.00
John Eliot School 1956-1974	520,000.00	
Harris School Addition 1956-1973	90,000.00	
High Rock School (O.D.L.) 1951-1971	80,000.00	85,000.00
High Rock School 1951-1971	215,000.00	230,000.00
High Rock School Addition 1953-1972	170,000.00	180,000.00
William Mitchell School 1950-1969	295,000.00	320,000.00
Hospital Addition 1947-1967	300,000.00	325,000.00
Senior High School Addition 1953-1972	1,615,000.00	1,710,000.00
Senior High Remodeling and Reconstruction 1953-1972	80,000.00	95,000.00
Sewer Construction 1924-1955		5,000.00
Sewer Construction 1947-1957	38,000.00	57,000.00
Sewer Construction 1948-1958	60,000.00	80,000.00
Sewer Construction 1949-1979	120,000.00	125,000.00
Sewer Construction 1950-1958	15,000.00	20,000.00
Sewer Construction 1952-1962	105,000.00	120,000.00
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook Dist. 1952-1972	195,000.00	210,000.00
Sewer Construction 1953-1972	320,000.00	340,000.00
Street Construction 1946-1956	5,000.00	10,000.00
Street Construction 1951-1959	20,000.00	25,000.00
Street Construction 1952-1962	70,000.00	80,000.00
Street Construction 1953-1960	25,000.00	30,000.00
Street Construction 1956-1965	60,000.00	
Water Storage Tank 1950-1956	5,000.00	10,000.00
Water Construction, Pumping Station and Mains 1955-1959	80,000.00	100,000.00
Total Debt	\$5,108,000.00	\$4,822,000.00

TRUST FUNDS:

Martha Ann Barr Fund	\$ 500.00
Horace A. Carter Fund	1,080.95
Margaret E. Chase Fund	219.49
Dwight School Fund	6,000.00
T. Otis Fuller Fund	7,000.00
Myra Greenwood Fund	12,482.11
Adeline E. Harris Fund	139.46
Mary Virginia E. Hill Fund	1,509.60
Glover Memorial Hospital Permanent Donation Fund	20,972.66
Harold William Low Fund	1,305.27
The Lyon Fund	5,000.00
Mary J. Millett Fund	9,103.52
Dr. William Mitchell Fund	578.41
Mary E. Moseley Fund	4,290.00
William G. Moseley Fund	4,549.19
Needham Cemetery Investment Fund	1,000.00
Needham Military Band, Inc. Fund	632.19
Thomas Sutton Fund	1,334.69
John B. Tollman Fund	70,000.00
John B. Walker Fund	3,238.65
George E. Wye Fund	12,930.26
William H. Wye Fund	1,000.00
Total Cash and Securities	\$164,866.45

Jury List - 1955-1956

Roger K. Ackerman	Ins. Underwriter	343 High Rock Street
Nathalie B. Ackroyd	Housewife	245 Hillcrest Road
Barbara B. Adams	Housewife	71 Lindbergh Avenue
Harry E. Adams	Elec. Engineer	719 Great Plain Avenue
Mary J. Akers	Real Estate Broker	47 Donna Road
John Alden	Real Estate	333 Cartwright Road
Eldredge Allbee	Assistant Supt.	24 Concord Street
John M. Anderson	Sales Manager	27 Laurel Drive
Robert H. Arnold	Compositor	62 Ardmore Road
Joseph H. Asprey	Prod. Engineer	68 Clarke Circle
Margaret H. Ballantyne	Housewife	24 Newbury Park
Wilfred J. Baranick	Patent Agent	20 Briarwood Circle
Arthur H. Barron	Employment Coun.	35 Longfellow Road
George F. Bettencourt	Life Ins. Supervisor	136 Valley Road
Frank J. Beuermann	Sales Manager	134 Laurel Drive
Carl A. Bezanson	Builder	29 Wachusett Road
Kenneth N. Birkett	Car Distributor	62 Kimball Street
Gwendoline Bishop	Housewife	50 Booth Street
Donald A. Blake	Banker	67 Parker Road
Willard R. Bliss	Civil Engineer	7 Whittier Road
Adolph A. Bloch	Foreman	19 Rosegate Road
Galen A. Bloom	Salesman	1281 Great Plain Avenue
John Bolinger	Ins. Underwriter	177 Great Plain Avenue
C. Parkhurst Bond	Accountant	855 Great Plain Avenue
Ruth F. Bryant	Asst. Town Clerk	12 Enslin Road
Mary C. Buckley	Housewife	7 Greenwood Avenue
Marion C. Burnham	Housewife	191 Manning Street
Roland V. Butler	Life Ins. Agent	52 Crescent Road
Ronald A. Buttrick	Office Manager	227 Greendale Avenue
John V. Cahill	Distributor	45 Dogwood Lane
George W. Caisse	Druggist	20 Pond Street
William Lee Carter	Vice President	11 Lindbergh Avenue
Vincent Casey	Salesman	133 Laurel Drive
Philip I. Cassidy	Greenskeeper	45 Grosvenor Road
Albert A. Chagnot	Statistician	38 Mayflower Road
Ethel B. Chamberlain	Housewife	95 Concord Street
Charles R. Chambers	Engineer	93 Clarke Circle
Ellen R. Chenard	Housewife	89 Melrose Avenue
Francis X. Christmas	Const. Foreman	14 Roscoe Street
Alfred Clifford	Real Estate Banker	60 Upland Road
Morris L. Cohn	Chem. Engineer	43 Abbott Street
Charles R. Colby	Administrator	38 Arch Street
Laurence G. Compton	Contractor	7 Emerson Place
Harold F. Cooke	Elect. Foreman	67 Ellicott Street
Daniel J. Cooney	Self-Employed	325 Greendale Avenue
Francis P. Cotter	Shipper	98 Dana Place
Rosi Cronin	Bookkeeper	7 Utica Road
William G. Crook	Sales Manager	249 Nehoiden Street
Richard V. Cutcliffe	Cable Splicer	137 Fairfield Street
Ethel C. Cutler	Saleslady	403 Central Avenue
Thelma L. Cyphert	Housewife	7 Lexington Avenue
Leonard F. Dale	Sales Manager	39 Abbott Street
Frederick J. Davis	Sales Manager	72 Douglas Road
Joseph M. DeSimone, Jr.	Salesman	206 Great Plain Avenue
Harold A. Dickert	Vice-President	131 Washington Avenue
Grace L. Dimock	Clerk	65 Henderson Street
Virginia B. Dirks	Housewife	33 Morningside Road
Harriet P. Donald	Housewife	62 Charles River Street
Richard Dunham	Salesman	1426 Great Plain Avenue
John J. Dunne	Mech. Engineer	15 Mellen Street
Chester H. Dusseault	Plant Manager	30 Carey Road

JURY LIST—Continued

J. Frank Dutton
 Gloria E. Dwyer
 Henry W. Eaton
 Estelle H. Eckberg
 Maude A. Emmons
 Theodore D. Etchings
 Leland E. Evans
 Robert Evans
 William Faulkner
 J. Ernest Fay
 Henry M. Fontaine
 Frederick Garrison
 Marjorie A. Gillis
 Ruth R. Godfrey
 Richard F. Greeley
 Florence S. Grinspoon
 Harriet V. Gudas
 Chester H. Hall
 Charlotte I. Halpin
 Newton Hanscom
 Jessie L. Hardy
 Marguerite J. Hartwell
 Philip R. Hayes
 Clifford L. Heald
 John Healey
 Stanley G. H. Helmsdorff
 Harry L. Heymann
 James J. Higgins
 Lillian C. Hoffman
 Gordon E. Holland
 Helen T. Horner
 William Horner
 Raymond E. Horsefield
 Thomas Howson
 Bessie R. Hunt
 Wells J. Huntley
 John W. Hursh
 E. Morton Jennings, Jr.
 Dale M. Johns
 Philip E. Johnson
 Marian F. Keith
 Alan S. Kinne
 Victoria M. Kohanek
 Christine C. Kohr
 Richard Kullberg
 John W. Lacy
 Louis D. LaFlamme
 James B. Larkin
 Olive H. Laurence
 Irene Lee
 Ethel M. Leland
 Herbert A. Lindenberg
 David W. Lovering
 Paul W. Lowney
 Carl J. Ludwig
 Erik Lundstedt
 William N. Lyons
 N. Grant Mackinnon
 William S. McAuliffe
 William R. Mack
 Robert L. Magee
 Evelyn K. Martin

Real Estate Broker
 Housewife
 Insurance Broker
 Secretary
 Housewife
 Sales Supervisor
 Sales Manager
 Manager
 Prec. Mech. Insp.
 Maintenance Supt.
 Salesman
 Purchasing Agent
 Saleslady
 Bookkeeper
 Engineer
 Housewife
 Housewife
 Salesman
 At Home
 Production Clerk
 Housewife
 At Home
 Insurance
 Cost Analyst
 Mfg. Repres.
 Depositor
 Semi-Retired
 Insurance
 Housewife
 Engineer
 Housewife
 Statistician
 Sales Engineer
 Insurance
 Housewife
 Executive
 Engineer
 Banker
 Divisional Manager
 Auditor
 Housewife
 Reg. Pharmacist
 Housewife
 Housewife
 Self-Employed
 Manager
 Engineer
 Interior Decorator
 Housewife
 Housewife
 Housewife
 Editor
 Chemist
 Hardware Mgr.
 Sales Manager
 Tech. Consultant
 Salesman
 Chief Clerk
 Semi-retired
 Purchasing Agent
 Engineer
 Housewife

546 Central Avenue
 83 Hawthorn Avenue
 18 Edgewood Street
 15 Prospect Street
 98 Hawthorn Avenue
 36 Greendale Avenue
 49 Oak Knoll Terrace
 20 Bennington Street
 62 Yurick Road
 148 Lindbergh Avenue
 17 Grosvenor Road
 20 Glendale Road
 578 Hunnewell Street
 18 Rosemary Street
 20 Livingston Circle
 94 Reservoir Street
 843 Great Plain Avenue
 33 Lewis Street
 36 Douglas Road
 1360 Great Plain Avenue
 293 South Street
 20 Pinewood Road
 178 High Rock Street
 45 Laurel Drive
 407 High Rock Street
 51 Ware Road
 325 Manning Street
 36 Robinwood Avenue
 30 Livingston Circle
 122 Grosvenor Road
 100 Marked Tree Road
 18 Brookside Road
 121 Prince Street
 1235 Great Plain Avenue
 256 Great Plain Avenue
 109 Garden Street
 141 Lexington Avenue
 454 Grove Street
 155 Great Plain Avenue
 135 Lindbergh Avenue
 193 Hillcrest Road
 612 High Rock Street
 56 Brookline Street
 31 Fairfield Street
 61 Oakcrest Road
 14 LaSalle Road
 95 Thornton Road
 16 Bess Road
 141 Hawthorn Avenue
 238 Great Plain Avenue
 12 Bradford Street
 11 Village Lane
 6 Intervale Road
 52 Barbara Road
 34 Berkshire Road
 111 Concord Street
 80 Douglas Road
 99 Hoover Road
 22 Sterling Road
 24 Dale Street
 29 Lois Lane
 308 Webster Street

JURY LIST—Continued

Joseph Mastropieri	Salesman	71 Maple Street
R. W. McConnochie, Jr.	Training Asst.	130 Brookline Street
George T. McGuire	Main. Foreman	16 Emerson Place
Wallace McLaughlin	Traffic Engineer	301 Hillcrest Road
Thomas C. McNamara	Publisher	11 Briarwood Circle
Margaret S. Menard	Clerk	4 Doane Avenue
Josephine E. Metcalf	Secretary	56 Thornton Road
Ann H. Miller	Housewife	1780 Central Avenue
Francis A. Mills	Public Relations	338 Brookline Street
James T. Mills	Salesman	112 Barrett Street
Joseph G. Mitchell, Jr.	Salesman	1280 Great Plain Avenue
Rose E. Morrison	Secretary	329 Rosemary Street
Fred H. Morse	Builder	1665 Great Plain Avenue
Laura V. Morse	Housewife	23 Tudor Road
Donald P. Mosher	Civil Engineer	1112 Greendale Avenue
Herbert J. Motley	Banker	1051 South Street
James A. Mulherin	Painter	181 Chestnut Street
Eva A. Mullally	Housewife	98 Bird Street
William J. Mullen	Specification Mgr.	16 Birchwood Road
Owen D. Murphy, Jr.	Ins. Executive	219 Highgate Street
David P. Nagel	Auditor	21 Wyoming Avenue
Marie Neilson	Clerk	104 Highgate Street
Adam Niden	Telephone Man	28 Old Farm Road
James B. O'Brien	Consultant	49 Walnut Street
William O'Brien	Chief Accountant	1019 Greendale Avenue
Bertha Okland	Housewife	39 Bancroft Street
Robert A. Olinder	Real Estate	435 Dedham Avenue
Harold W. Oliver	Office Manager	45 Melrose Avenue
James E. O'Neal	Salesman	9 Grant Street
Florence A. Page	Housewife	195 Harris Avenue
James A. Parker	Dept. Manager	26 Alfreton Road
Sarah J. Parkinson	Housewife	119 Grosvenor Road
Francis I. Patterson	Accountant	237 West Street
Emil W. Pederson	Auto. Mechanic	19 Central Avenue
Earle W. Perkins	Elec. Designer	50 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Frank J. Peters	Retired	4 Longfellow Road
D. Lloyd Posson	Foreman	71 Stockdale Road
Arthur C. Raeder	Sales Asst. Mgr.	138 Oak Street
Mary Elizabeth Rankin	Housewife	61 Forest Street
Thomas W. Rawson	Salesman	32 Arch Street
Frederick Reardon	District Rep.	84 Ardmore Street
William G. Regan	Asst. Manager	24 Cleveland Road
Donald C. Reynolds	Funeral Director	53 Gayland Road
Hereward A. Reynolds	Sales Engineer	69 Clarke Circle
Sylvia R. Rice	Housewife	76 Dedham Avenue
Esther P. Robinson	Secretary	378 Manning Street
Colin M. Ross	Self-Employed	34 Country Way
Morton B. Rowe	Radio Engineer	615 Hunnewell Street
John C. Ruddy	Salesman	15 Abbott Street
Frederick W. Ruhl	Sales Rep.	48 Richdale Road
Frank B. Sadler	Petroleum Mgr.	133 Green Street
Frank P. Salamone	Gasoline Attendant	16 Stevens Road
Gertrude Schneider	Secretary	130 Highgate Street
Robert L. Schneider	Banker	49 Kenney Street
Iris E. Schnetzer	Housewife	98 Grosvenor Road
Harold G. Scudder	Retired	43 Horace Street
Barton L. Searle	Examiner	15 Mercer Road
Herbert F. Sears	Salesman	384 High Rock Street
William F. Sharkey	Salesman	92 Douglas Road
J. Samuel Slicer, Jr.	Engineer	46 Rybury Hillway
Margaret O. Slicer	Housewife	46 Rybury Hillway

JURY LIST—Continued

Doris B. Small
 Beatrice H. Smith
 Frank T. Smith, Jr.
 Ruth C. Smith
 Donald T. Soule
 Lillian Spiller
 James W. Stevenson
 Dorothy E. Stockel
 Arthur W. Strong
 Forest O. Sundberg
 Bertha LeH. Swett
 Nelson A. Talmadge
 Charles S. Tarr
 David M. Tholl
 Barry Timson
 Genevieve H. Tippet
 Walter J. Toner
 Francis H. Toohill
 George W. Trumbour
 Burr E. Tupper
 Alfred T. Turner
 Helene C. Turner
 John L. Turner
 Valery T. Vale
 Ann Vertinski
 Eugene J. Vogel
 Andrew J. Wayson
 Paul A. Weber
 Harold Wetmore
 John J. White
 Marie J. White
 Ethel M. Wingate
 Mildred B. Woodwell
 Miles E. Woodworth
 Donald J. Young

Housewife
 Housewife
 Civil Engineer
 Housewife
 Sales Engineer
 Housewife
 Salesman
 Housewife
 Treasurer
 Accounting Super.
 Housewife
 Accountant
 Engineer
 Machinist
 Wool Salesman
 Housewife
 Steel Salesman
 Tel. Installer
 Retired
 Assist. Prod. Mgr.
 Self-Employment
 Housewife
 Elec. Engineer
 Salesman
 Housewife
 Contractor
 Sales Manager
 Food Broker
 Elec. Engineer
 Accountant
 Housewife
 Housewife
 Housewife
 Engineer
 Engineer

20 Greendale Avenue
 263 Dedham Avenue
 23 Taylor Street
 45 Coulton Park
 81 Charles River Street
 8 James Avenue
 46 Emerson Road
 1092 Central Avenue
 1062 Highland Avenue
 127 Highgate Street
 53 Mt. Vernon Street
 161 Melrose Avenue
 12 May Street
 15 High Street
 68 Redington Road
 320 Charles River Street
 42 Oakhurst Circle
 524 Great Plain Avenue
 198 Manning Street
 66 Dunster Road
 607 Highland Avenue
 26 Evans Road
 30 Frances Street
 170 Highland Avenue
 14 Longacre Road
 56 Country Way
 15 Norwich Road
 49 Old Farm Road
 398 High Rock Street
 38 Curve Street
 25 Kenney Street
 45 Village Lane
 47 Beaufort Avenue
 48 Woodlawn Avenue
 34 Glendon Road

Town Officers—1955-1956

ELECTED

MODERATOR

Harold Putnam

SELECTMEN

Everett C. Cross, 1956, *Secretary*

Edward J. Stewart, 1957, *Chairman*
 Philip F. Foss, 1958, *Vice Chairman*

TOWN CLERK

Marian S. Peterson, 1956

ASSESSORS

A. Sterling Holt, 1956

Arthur H. Godfrey, 1958, *Chairman*
 David Murdock, 1957, *Secretary*

TOWN TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

Arnold Mackintosh, 1956

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Doratheia M. Willgoose, 1956
 William A. Mann, 1958

Catherine L. Larson, 1957, *Chairman*
 Ralph L. Bixby, 1957
 W. Raymond Hewes, 1958

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John H. Bush, 1956
Dorothy A. Field, 1957

John Barr Dolan, 1956, *Chairman*
Daniel H. Rider, 1958, *Vice Chairman*
Helen E. White, 1957
Charles E. Greene, 1958

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

Ronald D. Lowden, 1956
Paul B. Richwagen, 1956

Thomas J. Crossman, 1957, *Chairman*
Lester C. Huse, 1958
Francis W. Coburn, 1958

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Laura G. Willgoose, 1956
Arthur L. King, 1956
Fred G. Atchison, 1957

Harry W. Kimball, 1958, *Chairman*
Marion L. Johnson, 1958, *Vice Chairman*
Helen B. Eastman, 1957

BOARD OF HEALTH

Kenneth Christophe, 1957, *Secretary*

David E. Mann, 1956, *Chairman*
Leslie B. Cutler, 1958

PLANNING BOARD

Irving H. Cowdrey, 1956
Edward I. Bower, 1959

George M. Wile, 1958, *Chairman*
Edwin M. Wainwright, 1957, *Secretary*
Henry V. Perry, 1960

NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Wilbar Whittemore, 1956, *Treasurer*
Leslie Wicken, 1960, *Assistant Treasurer*
Joseph M. Mastropieri, 1956 (appointed by the State)

Ralph E. Chambers, 1959, *Chairman*
Harmon Shufro, 1958, *Vice Chairman*

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

Roger W. Nutt, 1956

Vernal E. Kezer, 1957
Amos H. Shepherdson, 1958

RECREATION COMMISSION

Nelson A. Talmadge, 1956

Robert J. Latham, 1957, *Chairman*
Clarence E. Dussault, 1958

CONSTABLES

Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.
William W. Hewett

TOWN AGENTS

Edward J. Stewart

Everett C. Cross
Philip F. Foss

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Frederick A. Whetton

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Neil A. Burgess
Elaine Cederval
Aurelia DiMizio
Chester Kirkpatrick
Mary Kunz

Ernest Lyons
George McCulloch
Oreste Nardone
Domenic Nigro
Richard L. Nims
Ralph Woodcock

Nicholas A. O'Brien, Jr.
Betty Rosenkrans
John Tresca
John J. Whetton
Frederick A. Whetton

APPOINTED**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Robert W. Cherry, 1957, *Vice Chairman*
Frederick A. McDermott, 1956
H. Kent Crabtree, 1956
J. Boyd Britton, 1958

Edmund W. Trowbridge, 1956, *Chairman*
Robert W. Jensen, 1957
Eben F. Smith, 1957
Charles E. Downe, 1958
John Wallace, 1958

TOWN ACCOUNTANT	Melville W. Grant, 1957
TRUSTEES OF GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Stewart Johnston, 1958, <i>Chairman</i>
Gene R. Leavitt, 1956, <i>Secretary</i>	Frank Farwell, 1957, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Blake H. Field, 1956	Cyril N. Angell, 1957
Edwin W. L. Page, 1956	Allan M. Cate, 1958
David O'Leary, Jr., 1957	Luella M. Hopkins, 1958
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	Francis J. Donahue, 1957, <i>Chairman</i>
Harold S. Loudon, 1956	Mary E. Fitzgerald, 1958
Marian S. Peterson, <i>ex-Officio</i>	
TOWN COUNSEL	Henry W. Hardy
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	Lester C. Hollis, <i>Superintendent</i>
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER DIVISION	Roger G. Oakman
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS	Edmund A. Symonds, <i>Sewers</i>
Louis W. Wise, <i>Highways</i>	
TOWN ENGINEER	H. Gordon Martin
DEPUTY TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT	Robert L. Yokes
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	Derwood A. Newman
AGENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE	Zella M. Mann
HEALTH OFFICER AND INSPECTOR OF MILK	Curtis M. Hilliard
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	Rose M. Mayers
SANITARY INSPECTOR AND DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF MILK	Melvin L. Zabar
RECORDER OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	Doris E. Barlow
NUTRITIONIST	Alice H. Wagenfeld
AGENT FOR VETERANS' AID AND PENSIONS AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES	Philip F. Greuling
BURIAL AGENT	Philip F. Greuling
TRUANT OFFICER	Edward L. Wainwright
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS	Edwin D. Keyes
SUBSTITUTE BUILDING INSPECTOR	H. Wesley Kent
INSPECTOR OF WIRING	Clyde E. Cookson

SUBSTITUTE INSPECTOR OF WIRING	Mowry K. Cookson
INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING	Chester A. Bosselman
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING	Michael Picariello
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING	Dr. Edward T. Ryan, Jr.
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM	Richard M. Salamone
PETROLEUM INSPECTOR	Richard M. Salamone
FOREST WARDEN	Richard M. Salamone
DEPUTY FOREST WARDENS	Charles J. Nute, Jr. Gordon F. Healey David E. Mann
Carl W. Heller Leo E. Buckley J. Walter Schirmer	
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	Frederick L. Wise
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Ruth F. Bryant
DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE	Col. Frank F. Flagel
ASST. DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE	Ralph W. Greenlaw, Jr.
DOG OFFICER	Henry W. Longley
KEEPER OF LOCKUP	Thomas H. Welch
DEPUTY CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS	Frank J. Dermody
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.
PUBLIC LIBRARY	Dorothy Brown, <i>Librarian</i>
GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Donald R. Carmichael, <i>Business Manager</i> Helen I. Linane, <i>Superintendent of Nurses</i>
CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD	
Under vote of Town, November 3, 1936	
N. Grant McKinnon, 1958	Frank L. Cheney, 1956*
Melville W. Grant, <i>Accountant</i>	Roger G. Oakman, 1956***
BOARD OF APPEALS	Herbert L. Moore, 1958, <i>Chairman</i> Enos G. Nickerson, 1956
Benjamin Y. Piper, 1956, <i>Special Member</i> S. Gilbert Tattersall, 1957	

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

Mary D. Adams, *Vice-Chairman*
 Walter Masson
 Gardner A. Whitney
 Morton T. Sherman

Sidney A. Dimond, *Chairman*
 Erma N. Wiggins
 Winslow Crowell
 George H. Krech
 Frederic B. Williams, Jr.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A. Wilson Corbett
 Leonard G. Puffer

Russell Curnett, *Secretary*
 William Seaver

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Under Art. 15, March 19, 1945 — To consist of three members of Recreation Commission and one member of Trustees of Memorial Park and one member of School Committee.

Paul B. Richwagen, *Chairman*
 Helen E. White, *Secretary*
 Clarence E. Dussault

Robert J. Latham, *Vice-Chairman*
 Nelson A. Talmadge

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Under Art. 48, March 15, 1948 — Town Forest Committee

Ronald D. Lowden, *Chairman*
 Gordon F. Healey

Evelyn Cobb

Under Art. 62, March 20, 1950; Art. 77, March 19, 1951; Art. 110, March 17, 1952; Art. 63, March 23, 1953; Arts. 50 and 51, March 17, 1954 and Art. 63 of March 28, 1955 — To study needs for additional school buildings and school facilities —The same committee to continue its studies and report with its recommendations not later than the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

Halbert E. Pierce, Jr., *Chairman, by the Finance Committee*

Meyer P. White, *by the Planning Board*

Elbert S. Godfrey, *by the Moderator*

T. Chesterfield Parker, *by the School Committee*

Mary S. Hazard, *Secretary, by the Selectmen*

Merrick P. Rawstron, *by the Taxpayers' Association*

Sylvain Minault, *by the Public School Association*

*Roland C. March, Jr., *by the Moderator*

**Roger D. Goodwin, *by the Moderator*

Robert J. Granberg, *by the Moderator*

Under Art. 11 and 12, March 19, 1951—Personnel Committee—

Page S. Bunker, 1956, *Chairman*

Henry Grieve, 1958

John K. Benson, 1957, *Vice Chairman*

Harrison D. Schloerb, 1958

Leonard D'Addesio, 1957

Under Art. 60, March 19, 1951; Art. 128, March 26, 1952; Art. 77, March 23, 1953; Art. 85, March 22, 1954; and Art. 76, March 28, 1955—Union Health Survey Committee—To study formation of a Union Health Department in cooperation with other towns.

Dr. Kenneth Christophe, *Chairman*

Frank L. Flood

Frances K. Dermody

Mary D. Adams

Arthur A. Holt

Under Art. 75, March 19, 1951 and Art. 71, March 19, 1952—To Study Building By-Laws.

Herbert M. Johnson, *Chairman*

Louis P. Girrior

Laurent C. Roy

Clyde P. Cookson

Carl Beckonert

Under Art. 51, March 18, 1953; Art. 86, March 22, 1954; and Art. 79 of March 28, 1955—A committee be named to study future use of land along the Charles River and make a report with its recommendations to the Town not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

Herbert L. Dodge, *Chairman, by the Selectmen*

Nelson Talmadge, *by the Recreation Commission*

Irving H. Cowdrey, *by the Planning Board*

William M. Austin, *Secretary, by the Moderator*

Noell Morss, *by the Moderator*

Chalmers A. Peairs, Jr., *by the Moderator*

Sidney Stewart, *by the Moderator*

Under Art. 56, March 18, 1953; Arts. 52 and 58, March 17, 1954; Art. 6, Special Town Meeting, May 17, 1954; and Art. 65, March 28, 1955—To study Special Park and Recreation areas and to report with its recommendations to the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

John H. Bush, *by the School Committee*

Ralph E. Chambers, *by the Planning Board*

Robert J. Latham, *by the Recreation Committee*

By the Moderator:

Precinct 1 — Mrs. Beatrice A. Wood

Precinct 2 — Francis W. Coburn, *Secretary*

Precinct 3 — Andrew C. Bailey

Precinct 4 — Alden Everly, *Vice Chairman*

Precinct 5 — Owen Webb, *Chairman*†

Precinct 6 — Joseph DePasqua

Under Art. 72, March 23, 1953; Art. 60, March 17, 1954 and Art. 84 of March 28, 1955—To study on the advisability of a Fire Department sub-station in the Broad-meadow area and to report with its recommendations to the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

Roland C. March, Jr., *Chairman, by the Selectmen*

Leonard Marks, Jr., *by the Planning Board*

Harold M. Hill, *by the Finance Committee*

Under Art. 73, March 23, 1953; Art. 62, March 17, 1954 and Art. 81 of March 28, 1955—To study the advisability of naming and marking historical spots and report with its recommendations to the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

Benjamin May, *Chairman*

Antoinette Mills

Harry W. Kimball

Under Art. 75, March 23, 1953; Art. 47, March 17, 1954 and Art. 88 of March 28, 1955—To study a Living War Memorial—To install same.

Hazel M. Wheeler, *Chairman*

Meyer J. Gordon

Philip K. Greuling

Harold L. Burr

Helen B. Richwagen

Under Art. 77, March 23, 1953; Arts. 59 and 63, March 17, 1954 and Art. 82 of March 28, 1955—To study uses and sale of Town-owned land.

Meyer P. White, *Chairman, by the Future School Needs Committee*

Frank C. Eaton, *by the Moderator*

H. Milton Hoitt, *Secretary, by the Recreation Committee*

Eva H. Churchill, *by the Planning Board*

Arthur H. Godfrey, *by the Selectmen*

Under Art. 9, Special Town Meeting of June 15, 1953; Art. 83, March 22, 1954 and Art. 80 of March 28, 1955—To study problem of rubbish collection in the Town.

William H. Ganick, *Chairman*

Martin Phillips

Harold G. Donovan

Charles E. Downe

Constantine J. D'Amato

Under Art. 43, March 17, 1954 and Art. 62 of March 23, 1955—A committee be established to obtain plans and specifications for an "all-purpose room" at the Harris School.

Walter J. Clark, *Chairman, by the Harris School Parents and Teachers Club*

Ruth Steere, *Secretary, by the School Committee*

Roswell L. Derby, *by the Finance Committee*

Leslie H. Cramer, *by the Finance Committee*

Daniel E. Baker, Jr., *by the Moderator*

Under Art. 59, March 23, 1955 and Art. 1 of Special Town Meeting, Nov. 14, 1955—A committee of five be appointed to study school housing in grades 7 to 12 inclusive:—

Robert J. Granberg, *Chairman*

Lois A. Tattersall, *Secretary*

Robert F. Day

Derwood A. Newman

Halbert E. Pierce

Under Art. 49, March 17, 1954 and Art. 5 of the Special Town Meeting, December 13, 1954.—A committee of nine be appointed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a new elementary school in the Highland Park section. Same committee authorized to construct said school.

Jerry Bond, Jr., *Chairman, by the School Committee*

William L. Burton, *by the Selectmen*

Edward L. Bottum, *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*

William N. Gottsman, Jr., *by the Finance Committee*

Karl T. Haugen, *by the Public School Association*

Asna Aronie, *by the Moderator*

Walter D. Leach, Jr., *by the Moderator*

Libero Petrini, *by the Moderator*

Louise Ludlow, *Secretary, by the Planning Board*

In 1874, the Charles River was so low in some spots that a person could walk across it without going over his shoes.—(Needham Chronicle)

Under Arts. 47 and 48, of March 23, 1955—A committee of five members, appointed by the Moderator, be instructed to make a study regarding a Railroad station at Bird's Hill.

Julius F. Haller

Artemas P. Richardson

Ralph T. Woodcock

Walter C. Knowles

Clarke H. Wertheim

Under Art. 36 of March 23, 1955—A Town Garage Committee.

Theodore N. Graser, *Chairman*

George M. Pond

Frederick A. Whetton

Claude R. LaPlante, *Secretary*

Charles E. Hughes

Under Art. 14, Special Town Meeting, Nov. 14, 1955—Committee to negotiate with the City of Newton and bidders for the Newton Water Lands lying in the Town of Needham.

Henry D. Hersey, *Chairman, Representative Recess Commission*

Everett C. Cross, *Secretary, Board of Selectmen*

Edward J. Stewart, *Board of Selectmen*

Philip F. Foss, *Board of Selectmen*

Harold Putnam, *Town Moderator*

Henry W. Hardy, *Town Counsel*

George M. Wile, *Representative Planning Board*

Alden Eberley, *Representative Special Parks and Recreation Committee*

Charles E. Downe, *Representative Finance Committee*

Herbert L. Dodge, *Representative Charles River Lands Committee*

* Resigned

** Appointed to fill vacancy

*** Elected to fill a vacancy

† Deceased

THIS YEAR'S THEME

It may be difficult to imagine Needham without automobiles, trains, and quiet residential areas spread over the countryside. But Needham is an old, established Town with a glorious history of service to the Country, the State, and its citizens. Part of this year's Town Report is based on the activities of the Town Clerk and the role of the Town Meeting in conducting Needham's affairs. The pictures inside the front cover show one of the early Town Clerks and the market which was his "office." The Town Report Committee is grateful to Mrs. Marian S. Peterson and her staff for their fine cooperation; also to Kenneth Webb for the many hours of research and thought which went into his feature story on page 4, and Laurence T. Welsh for his illustrative photographs.

Town Meeting Members

MEMBERS AT LARGE



H. Putnam

CROSS, EVERETT C.
CUTLER, LESLIE B.
DOLAN, JOHN BARR
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GODFREY, ARTHUR H.
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MANN, DAVID E.
PETERSON, MARIAN S.
PUTNAM, HAROLD
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TROWBRIDGE, EDMUND W.
WILE, GEORGE M.

Selectman
Senator
School Committee
Selectman
Assessor
Town Counsel
Treasurer
Board of Health
Town Clerk
Moderator
Selectman
Finance
Planning Board

PRECINCT 1

Expiration 1956
Birkett, Kenneth N.
Brearley, Sidney P.
Bush, John H.
Caulton, Frederick M.
Crabtree, H. Kent
Gay, William H.
Hewes, W. Raymond
Holt, A. Sterling
Rawstron, Merrick
Rider, Daniel H.
Rooney, Thomas J.
Stubbs, J. Harold
Whitney, Carleton F.
Wood, Beatrice A.

Expiration 1957
Adams, Mary Dorcas
Bartlett, F. Parker, Jr.
Brett, Frank W.
Broadley, Katherine R.
Churchill, Eva H.
Drake, Kenneth
Eaton, Chester W.
Everett, Elmer H.
Frery, Charles S., Jr.
Latham, Robert J.
Mann, William A.
Palmer, Malcolm D.
Richwagen, Victor L.
Twigg, Julia B.

Expiration 1958
Alexander, Norman E.
Benson, John K.
Bixby, Ralph L.
Cramer, Harold Leslie
Dugan, William H.
Harkins, John F.
Holden, Clayton L.
MacMillan, Nancy E.
Noonan, James H.
Powers, James Hugh
Shepherd, Ridgley G.
Simon, Philip
Wallace, John

PRECINCT 2

Expiration 1956
Cassidy, William S.
*Chamberlin, Betty-Jane D.
Chambers, Ralph E.
Cruikshank, James E.
Hunt, Waldo M.
Hunter, Albert E.
Huse, Lester C.
Keith, Marian F.
Kezer, Vernal E.
Loomis, Samuel
Page, Edwin W. L.
Reed, Malcolm B.
Sanborn, James K.
*Schneider, Robert L.
Steere, Ruth E.

Expiration 1957
Ackroyd, J. Roland
Angell, Cyril N.
Childs, Kenneth M.
Chisholm, Clarence J.
Clarenbach, Walter R.
Cox, Gilbert W. C.
Hardin, Milton B.
Hersey, Henry D.
Larson, N. Henry
Murdoch, David
Pond, George M.
Slicer, J. Samuel, Jr.
Tattersall, S. Gilbert
Winslow, Gordon B.

Expiration 1958
Blaisdell, Harold L.
Clark, Walter J.
Coburn, Francis W.
Cowdrey, Irving H.
Eaton, Donald A.
Granberg, Robert J.
Hall, Charles L., Jr.
Moore, Herbert L.
Nye, Loring C.
Page, Harold A.
Paige, Percy H.
Talmadge, Nelson A.
Welch, Thomas H.

*To fill vacancy until next annual election.

PRECINCT 3

Expiration 1956
Bettencourt, George F.
Britton, J. Boyd
Elliott, Byron K.
Greene, Ray B., Jr.
Guild, Henry R.
King, Arthur L.
McIntosh, Charles B.
Nealand, G. Edward

Expiration 1957
Austin, William M.
Christophe, Kenneth
Davis, Edward L., Jr.
Dunn, Edward W. Y.
Haller, Julius F.
Harkins, J. Frederick
Heald, Henry M.
Ladd, Charles H.

Expiration 1958
Bailey, Andrew C.
Bridges, Frank L.
Daniels, A. Richards
Eaton, Frances B.
Farwell, Frank L.
Hardy, Jessie L.
Johnson, Marcel E.
Kimball, Robert H., Jr.

PRECINCT 3—continued

Perkins, R. Forbes
 Perry, Rebecca H.
 Pierce, Halbert E., Jr.
 Summers, James G.
 Thomas, Roby S.
 Wilkinson, Holley A.

March, Roland C., Jr.
 Motley, Herbert J.
 Rawstron, Stanley
 Ryerson, Wendell E.
 Whiting, Elizabeth K.
 Wyeth, Stimson

Leach, Walter D., Jr.
 Nelson, Verner O.
 Perry, Henry V.
 Preble, Julia M.
 Whittemore, Theo. P., Jr.
 Williams, Frederic B., Jr.

PRECINCT 4*Expiration 1956*

Burnham, Richard D.
 Chase, Clarence E.
 Cookson, Clyde E.
 Day, Robert F.
 Dodge, Herbert L.
 Glover, Frederic L.
 Newman, Derwood A.
 Richards, Karl W.
 Rising, Philip D.
 Sanders, Richard B.
 Stewart, Sidney
 Walker, Lawrence D.
 Wertheim, Clarke H.
 Willgoose, Laura G.

Expiration 1957

Bell, Theodore P.
 Burr, Harold L.
 Crossman, Thomas J.
 Cuddy, Howard W.
 Eaton, Laurence E.
 Eberly, Alden
 Ganick, William H.
 Healey, Gordon F.
 Leavitt, Gene R.
 Lowden, Ronald D.
 Neilson, George A., Jr.
 Wainwright, Edwin M.
 Wheeler, Harold G., Jr.
 Willgoose, Dorathea M.

Expiration 1958

Allen, Howard F.
 Auchmoody, John E.
 Bennett, Joel H.
 Bosworth, Raymond F.
 Clarke, Ada Phelps
 Eaton, Francis C.
 Field, Blake H.
 Godfrey, Elbert S.
 Hall, W. Bigelow
 King, Robert N.
 McIntosh, Allan D.
 McKinlay, J. Allan
 Page, Robert W.
 White, Helen E.

PRECINCT 5*Expiration 1956*

Anderson, Elizabeth E.
 Bloh, Adolph A.
 Bloh, Paul T.
 *Ericson, Harding S.
 Friswell, Archibald W.
 Gifford, Edward A.
 Greuling, Philip K.
 Hoitt, H. Milton
 Mansfield, John R.
 Marriott, William H.
 Martin, Harry
 McLeod, John W.
 Osborne, Lawrence D., Jr.
 Richwagen, Paul B.
 Sparkes, Thomas H.

Expiration 1957

Bailey, John M.
 Cassidy, W. Ansel
 Caulton, Lawrence G.
 Chalue, Robert W.
 Hallein, Edward E.
 Hauptman, Joseph W.
 Henderson, Daniel C.
 March, Roland C.
 Richwagen, Donald B.
 Spicer, Charles E.
 Taylor, John F., Jr.
 Tocci, Matthew
 Vincent, Harold T.
 Whitehead, William E.

Expiration 1958

Aronie, Asna
 Atkinson, Winnifred C.
 Benson, Walter L.
 Bottum, Edward L.
 Carpenger, Charles A.
 Coppinger, John W.
 Eaton, D. Kent, Jr.
 Fitzgerald, William
 Johnson, Arthur F.
 Ludlow, William B., Jr.
 Mason, Eleanor A.
 Peck, Janet A.
 Revere, Paul

*To fill vacancy until next annual election.

PRECINCT 6*Expiration 1956*

Atchinson, Fred G.
 Bell, Charles D.
 Burnham, Henry A.
 Firth, Herbert W.
 Frykberg, Conrad W.
 Greene, Charles E.
 Hamburger, Amos
 Henderson, Arthur T.
 Linscott, Paul H.
 Mann, Frederic S.
 Sayce, Edward G.
 Smith, Myron E.
 Stanley, Edgar S.
 Stevens, Ritchie L.

Expiration 1957

Burton, William L.
 Claxton, Philip H.
 Coppinger, William P.
 Cotter, John E.
 Frost, Fred L.
 Goodwin, Roger D.
 Hollis, Stanley M.
 Holt, R. Ashley
 Humphrey, Gorham W.
 Loomis, Aaron A.
 Nickerson, Enos G.
 Small, Asa M.
 Stanwood, Francis E.
 Svendsen, Harold

Expiration 1958

Akers, Mary J.
 Bennett, Pierce B.
 Eaton, Henry W.
 Fay, Norman F.
 Fedel, Julius T.
 Graser, Theodore N.
 Hamburger, Victoria D.
 Hill, Harry R.
 Husbands, Munroe
 Rowley, Leonard W.
 Salamone, Richard M.
 Skinner, Ernest T.
 Woodbury, Robert L.

FIRE ALARM BOXES

(This is an official list of fire alarm boxes as provided by the Fire Department. In the event of a fire the alarm sounds the first number of the box followed by a pause, followed by the next number of the box, and so on. Thus an alarm from box 12, Needham Square, would sound: BLAST. Pause. TWO BLASTS. Keep this list handy for ready reference!)

*Alarm may be sounded **only** from Fire Headquarters.

†Boxes reserved for Industrial Center; location not yet assigned.

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| 12 Great Plain Ave.—Chestnut St. | *1461 Somerville Knitting Co.—Pleasant St. |
| 121 Chapel St. | 147 Warren St.—Kimball St. |
| 122 Junior High School—Highland Ave. | 148 Dedham Ave.—Lincoln St. |
| 123 Highland Ave.—May Street | 15 Maple St.—Oak St. |
| 1231 Saint Joseph School—Pickering St. | 151 Great Plain Ave.—Glendoon Rd. |
| 124 Stephen Palmer School—Pickering St. | 152 Linden St.—Maple Terrace |
| *1241 Benj. Moseley Co.—1329 Highland Ave. | * 153 Linden St.—Poplar St. |
| 125 Great Plain Ave.—Pickering St. | * 154 Fairview Rd.—Overlook Rd. |
| 126 Warren St.—May St. | * 155 Henderson St.—Oakcrest Rd. |
| 127 Senior High School—Webster St. | * 156 Henderson St.—Walnut St. |
| 128 Kingsbury St.—Warren St. | 157 Henderson St.—Oak St. |
| 13 Dedham Ave.—Harris Ave. | *1571 Willow St.—Oak St. |
| 131 Great Plain Ave.—Warren St. | 158 Sylvan Rd. |
| 1311 Baptist Church—Great Plain Ave. | 159 High Rock School—Sylvan Rd. |
| *1312 155 Fair Oaks Park | 16 Great Plain Ave.—Marshall St. |
| *1313 83 Fair Oaks Park | 161 Nehoiden St.—Washburn Ave. |
| *1314 25 Fair Oaks Park | * 162 Nehoiden St.—Lewis St. |
| 132 Nursing Home—145 Warren St. | 163 Newell Ave.—Prospect St. |
| 133 Dedham Ave.—Webster St. | 164 Nehoiden St.—Rosemary St. |
| *1331 Webster St.—Howland St. | *1641 Nardone Rd. |
| 134 Webster St.—Cleveland Rd. | 165 Garden St.—May St. |
| 135 Great Plain Ave.—Webster St. | * 166 34 Prospect St. |
| 136 Webster St.—May St. | * 17 Great Plain Ave.—Marked Tree Rd. |
| * 137 Webster St.—Holland St. | 171 Marked Tree Rd.—Curve St. |
| 14 Chestnut St.—School St. | 172 Great Plain Ave.—Oak Knoll Terrace |
| 141 Glover Hospital—Chestnut St. | 1721 Abbott St.—Border Rd. |
| *1412 86 Lincoln St. | * 173 542 High Rock St. |
| * 142 Chestnut St.—Oak St. | 174 Marked Tree Rd.—High Rock St. |
| 143 Chestnut St.—Marsh Rd. | *1741 Barrett St.—Francis St. |
| * 144 School St.—Grant St. | 1742 Deerfield St.—Barrett St. |
| 145 Grant St.—Kimball St. | * 175 Marked Tree Rd.—Oakcrest Rd. |
| 146 Pleasant St.—Kimball St. | * 176 High Rock St.—Central Ave. |
| | 177 Avalon Rd.—Bonwood Rd. |

FIRE ALARM BOXES—Continued

- * 178 Bellvue Rd.—Bonwood Rd.
- 21 Needham Heights Square
- * 212 Carters Mill No. 1 Highland Ave.
- * 2121 McGregor Inst. Co.—Heights
- 2122. Carters Factory—Highland Ave.
- 213 Whettons Oil Co.—West St.
- * 2131 Hillside Ave.—West St.
- 214 Highland Ave.—Dana Place
- 215 Highland Ave.—Rosemary St.
- * 216 Ludlow Mfg. & Sales—
Rosemary St.
- * 217 Carey Rd.
- * 218 Morton St.
- 223 Hillside Ave.—Dale St.
- 2231 Carter Box Factory—Hillside Ave.
- 2232 Forte Dupee & Sawyer—Easy St.
- 2233 Needham Mfg. Co.—Hillside Ave.
- 224 Rosemary St.—Near Lake
- 2241 Tillotson Rubber Co.—
Rosemary St.
- 225 Old Trusty Factory—West St.
- 226 West St.—Near Old Trusty
- 227 West St.—Dale St.
- * 228 Parish Rd.—Pershing St.
- 23 Highland Ave.—Hunnewell St.
- 231 Union St.—Crescent Rd.
- 232 Hillside Ave.—Hunnewell St.
- 233 Gabriel Lab.—Crescent Rd.
- * 2331 124 Crescent Rd.
- * 2332 Simons Knitting Mill—
Crescent Rd.
- 234 Hunnewell St.—
Near Brookline Rug
- * 2341 Brookline Rug Co.—Hunnewell St.
- * 235 Hunnewell St.—Lester St.
- 24 Greenough St.—Pine Grove St.
- * 241 Hillside Ave.—Avery St.
- * 2412 Wayne Rd.—Pine Grove St.
- 242 Hillside Ave.—Webster St.
- * 249 Wellesley Conv. Childrens
Hospital
- 25 Hunnewell St.—Mark Lee Rd.
- 251 Carter School—Highland Ave.
- 2511 Avery School—Highland Ave.
- 252 Highland Ave.—Webster St.
- 253 Greendale Ave.—Park Ave.
- 254 High St.—Webster St.
- 2541 Nursing Home—384 Webster St.
- 2542 Needham Conv. Home—
Alfreton Rd.
- 255 Mark Lee Rd.—Webster St.
- 256 Greendale Ave.—High St.
- 257 Greendale Ave.—Kendricks St.
- 26 Mellen St.
- 261 Webster St.—Rosemary St.
- 2612 Wm. Gorse Co.—Thorpe Rd.
- * 262 Webster St.—Lindbergh Ave.
- 263 LaSalle Rd.—Manning St.
- * 264 Hoover Rd.
- 265 Lexington Ave.—Manning St.
- 266 Burnside Rd.—Concord St.
- * 267 Bennington St.
- * 27 130 Lindbergh Ave.
- 271 Lindbergh Ave.—Paul Revere Rd.
- 2711 135 Tower Ave.
- * 2712 Dunster Rd.
- * 2713 Dartmouth Ave.
- * 2714 Richdale Rd.
- * 272 Greendale Ave.—Paul Revere Rd.
- * 273 Tower Ave.—Paul Revere Rd.
- 274 Tower Ave.—Lexington Ave.
- 275 Parker Rd.—Virginia Rd.
- 276 Parker Rd.—Nevada Rd.
- 28 Wm. Mitchell School—
Brookline St.
- * 281 Brookline St.—Bancroft St.
- * 282 Brookline St.—Colgate Rd.
- * 283 Brookline St.—Greendale Ave.
- 31 Central Ave.—Webster St.
- * 311 Roscoe St.—Horace St.
- * 3111 John St.
- 3112 John Eliot School—Wellesley Ave.
- 312 Elder Rd.

- * 313 Central Ave.—Parkland Rd.
- 314 120 Central Ave.
- 315 Hampton Ave.—Crawford St.
- * 316 295 Reservoir Street to End
- 32 Reservoir St.—Central Ave.
- 321 Reservoir St.—Carter St.
- 3212 Morschner Dye Works
- * 322 Reservoir Ave.
- * 325 Sherman St.—St. Mary St.
- * 326 73 Saint Mary St.
- *3261 Church St.—Route 9
- 34 Mills Rd.—Sachem Rd.
- * 341 Highland Ave.—Utica Rd.
- *3412 Waltons Factory, Highland Ave.
- * 342 Highland Ave. at Over Pass
- *3421 Hunting Rd.—David Rd.
- *3422 Woodbine Circle—Fay Lane
- 343 279 Highland Ave.
- 344 Highland Ave. at Newton Line
- *3441 Highland Circle
- *3442 Riverside St.
- * 345 Highland Ter.—Highview St.
- * 346 Fremont St.—Charles St.
- 3461 Wexford St.
- * 347 New England Industrial Center
- 351 Bigelow Dowse, 2nd Ave.
- *3511 R. H. Whites, B Street
- *3512 Boston Edison Co., 2nd Ave.
- *3513 Comfort Spring Corp., A Street
- †3514 _____
- †3515 _____
- †3516 _____
- 352 Farrington Mfg. Co., A Street
- 3521 Atlas Plywood Corp., A Street
- 3522 H. A. Whittemore Co., A Street
- †3523 _____
- †3524 _____
- 353 Abbott Laboratories, A Street
- 3531 Kelly Springfield Tire Co.
- †3532 _____
- 354 Kraft Foods Co., A Street
- †3541 _____
- †3542 _____
- * 355 American Can Co., B Street
- 3551 American Motors Corp., 3rd Ave.
- 3552 Filenes, 3rd Ave.
- †3553 _____
- †3554 _____
- 356 Singer Sewing Machine Co., 1st Ave.
- †3561 _____
- †3562 _____
- 357 Union Carbide & Car. Corp., 1st Ave.
- † 358 _____
- † 359 _____
- * 36 Kendricks St. At Over Pass
- * 361 Kendricks St.—Newton Line
- * 362 Hunting Rd.—Near Kendricks St.
- * 363 New Rt. 128 nr. High Ave. Over Pass
- 41 Great Plain Ave.—Manning St.
- 412 Parkinson St.—Manning St.
- * 413 Hemlock St.—Manning St.
- 414 Brookline St.—Manning St.
- 415 Otis St.—Woodlawn Ave.
- 416 Powers St.—Woodlawn Ave.
- 417 Melrose Ave.—Page Rd.
- 42 Bradford St.—Harris Ave.
- 421 Mayo Ave.
- 4212 Stevens Rd.
- *4213 Harris Ave.—Stevens Rd.
- *4214 Glenwood Rd.—Bradford St.
- 422 Pinewood Rd.
- *4221 Eaton Rd.
- 4222 Coolidge Ave.
- *4223 Harris Ave.—Prince St.
- 423 Prince St.
- 4231 Plymouth Rd.
- 4232 Harris Ave.—Plymouth Rd.
- 424 Harris Ave.—Coulton Park
- 425 Wilshire Park
- *4251 Harris Ave.—Wilshire Park
- 426 Great Plain Ave.—Beaufort Ave.

FIRE ALARM BOXES—Continued

- 427 Harris School.—Beaufort Ave.
- * 428 Nichols Rd.—Beaufort Ave.
- 43 Great Plain Ave.—Melrose Ave.
- 431 Greenwood Ave.
- 432 Ellicott St.—Sargent St.
- * 433 Powers St.—Melrose Ave.
- * 434 Great Plain Ave.—
Great Plain Ter.
- 435 Washington Ave.—Nichols Rd.
- * 436 Washington Ave.—Holmes St.
- 437 Hawthorne Ave.—Nichols Rd.
- 438 Hawthorne Ave.—
Washington Ave.
- 441 Great Plain Ave.—Hillcrest Rd.
- * 4412 Hillcrest Rd.—Ingleside Rd.
- 442 Newbury Pk.—Ridgeway Ave.
- * 4421 56 Ridgeway Ave.
- 443 Birds Hill Ave.—Ingleside Rd.
- 444 Hillcrest Rd.—Birds Hill Ave.
- 445 Hillcrest Rd.—At Stand Pipe
- * 4451 Morningside Rd.
- * 4452 68 Wachusett Rd.
- 4453 Hillcrest Rd.—Highgate St.
- 4454 Woodledge Rd.—Arch St.
- 4455 Colby St.—Fairfax Rd.
- * 4456 Falcon St.—Bond St.
- * 4457 Savoy Rd.—Edwardel Rd.
- * 4458 361 Hillcrest Rd.
- 446 Birds Hill Ave.—Thornton Rd.
- * 4462 47 Thornton Rd.
- 45 Grosvenor Rd.—Broadmeadow Rd.
- * 451 Greendale Ave.—Bird St.
- * 4512 Greendale Ave.—Grosvenor Rd.
- * 4513 Greendale Ave.—
Broadmeadow Rd.
- * 4514 Kenney St.
- 452 Broadmeadow Rd.—Bird St.
- 4521 Broadmeadow School—
Broadmeadow
- 453 Highgate St.—Rybury Hillway
- * 4531 Hollis Rd.—Altha Rd.
- * 4532 Woodbury Rd.—Audrey Ave.
- * 4533 Helen Rd.—Ina Rd.
- 46 Great Plain Ave.—Green St.
- 461 Greendale Ave. at R. R. Bridge
- 4611 Great Plain Ave.—Berkshire Rd.
- 4612 Intervale Rd.—Norwich Rd.
- * 4613 Valley Rd.—Peacedale Rd.
- * 4614 Fairfield St.—Mann Ave.
- * 4615 New Rt. 128 nr. Great Plain Ave.
Over Pass
- * 4616 Sterling Rd.—Peacedale Rd.
- 462 Great Plain Ave.—South St.
- 4621 Whittier Rd.—Fuller Rd.
- 4622 Whittier Rd.—Elmwood Rd.
- 4623 Douglas Rd.
- 4624 Tabor School—Greendale Ave.
- * 4625 Old Farm Rd.—Longacre Rd.
- * 463 South St.—Lawton Rd.
- * 4631 Greendale Ave.—Hamlin Lane
- 4632 St. Bartholomews Church—
Greendale Ave.
- 464 South St.—Green St.
- * 4641 Parkvale Rd.—Norman Rd.
- 465 Lawton Rd.
- * 466 Green St.
- 47 George Aggott Rd.—Dedham Ave.
- 471 Dedham Ave.—South St.
- 472 Livingston Circle—Churchill Lane
- 51 Norfolk St.—Webster St.
- 512 South St.—Webster St.
- * 5121 410 South St.
- * 5122 South St.—High Rock St.
- 513 Laurel Dr. North
- 514 Warren St.—Gayland Rd.
- 515 Laurel Dr.—South
- * 516 Gayland Rd.
- * 517 Warren St.—Redington Rd.
- 518 Redington Rd.
- * 52 Chestnut St.—Emerson Rd.
- 521 Chestnut St.—High Rock St.
- * 5212 P. D. Home—P. C. Cabot,
Chestnut St.
- * 522 High Rock St.—R. R. Bridge

- 523 Chestnut St.—South St.
 *5231 660 South St.
 *5232 770 Chestnut St.
 *5233 A. Williams—920 South St.
 *5234 R. F. Perkins—980 South St.
 *5235 L. B. Cutler—1010 South St.
 524 High Rock St.—Robinwood Ave.
 *5241 Linden St.—Summit Rd.
 5242 Murphy Rd.—Yurick Rd.
 * 53 1133 South St.
 *5312 H. R. Guild—1150 South St.
 *5313 L. Brace—1184 South St.
 *5314 M. Beebe—1242 South St.
 54 Charles River St.—South St.
 541 Charles River St.—Moseley Ave.
 *5412 Wilson's Lane
 *5413 Bleachery—South St., C. R.
 542 Walker Gordon Dairy Barns C. R.
 543 Central Ave.—Fisher St.
 544 Central Ave.—Charles River St.
 *5441 Country Way—Village Lane
 545 Walker Children's Home
 * 546 Oxbow Rd.
 * 61 Central Ave.—Marked Tree Rd.
 * 612 1543 Central Ave.
 * 613 Central Ave.—Pine St.
 62 Mayflower Rd.
 * 621 Stockdale Rd.
 * 622 Pilgrim Rd.
 * 623 Powder House Rd.
 * 63 Charles River St.—Pine St.
 * 631 464 Charles River St.
 *6312 Bradley's—461 Charles River St.
 *6313 R. G. Foster—484 Charles River St.
 *6314 C. H. W. Foster—
 506 Charles River St.
 64 Grove St.—Charles River St.
 * 641 Charles River St.—
 at Pumping Station
 *6412 Forbes—Scott—
 636 Charles River St.
 * 642 Grove St.—Wellesley Line

- *6421 Sabrina Farm—Grove St.
 * 65 Cartwright Rd.
 71 Great Plain Ave.—Central Ave.
 711 Great Plain Ave.—North Hill Rd.
 712 1584 Great Plain Ave.
 713 1740 Great Plain Ave.
 * 714 Babson Park—Great Map Rd.
 * 715 Great Plain Ave.—Wellesley Line
 72 Glendale Rd.—Forest St.
 721 Central Ave.—Nehoiden St.
 722 Dwight School—Central Ave.
 * 723 Glendale Rd.—Clark Rd.
 *7231 Clark Rd.
 *7232 Clark Circle
 73 Central Ave.—Forest St.
 * 731 Rolling Lane
 * 732 Brookside Rd.—Wellesley Line
 * 735 Jarvis Circle
 * 74 Central Ave.—West St.
 741 Central Ave.—Booth St.
 75 Central Ave.—Hunnewell St.
 * 751 398 Central Ave.
 * 752 Hunnewell St.—Wellesley Line
 * 753 Grasmere Rd.—Taylor St.
 * 754 Ardmore Rd.
 * 755 Briarwood Circle
 * 76 Wellesley Ave.
 * 761 Cedar St.
 9 Rosemary Beach

MUTUAL AID

(One Round)

Needham Goes To:

- 811 Newton
 812 Wellesley
 813 Dover
 814 Westwood
 815 Dedham
 816 Boston
 817 Other Communities

2-2 and box number calls Newton.
 3-3 and box number calls Wellesley

FIRE ALARM BOXES—Continued

SPECIAL SIGNALS

Four blows and one round of box number calls Engine 1 or 3.

Five blows and one round of box number calls Engine 2 or Engine 4.

Two blows—Fire out.

Second Alarm—two blows followed by box.

Third Alarm—three blows followed by box.

1-2-3-4—two rounds—All Police report.

22 three rounds—No School Signal.

44 two rounds—Emergency Call.

666 American Legion, Assemble.

777 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Assemble.

8 Public Works Dept. Highway Employees.

10 two rounds—Boy Scouts.

Test Blow—One Blow at 8:45 a.m.

The Needham Fire Alarm System is published in this Town Report for the first time. The Committee suggests that you keep this Report handy so you can check the location of a fire when you hear the signal.

CLERK DICK FOLEY (left) OF THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT TAKES A REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JOHN COTTER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.



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HOSPITAL	NE 3-2803
POLICE	NE 3-1700
CIVIL DEFENSE	NE 3-5100

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 Licenses
 Forestry
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Assessors
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 Town Clerk
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 Town Clerk
 Town Clerk
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 Board of Health
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 Public Works Dept.
 Town Clerk
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 Selectmen
 Public Works Dept.
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 Assessors
 Tax Collector
 Custodian
 Veterans' Service Dept.
 Veterans' Housing Author.
 Board of Registrars
 Public Works Dept.
 Public Welfare Dept.
 Inspections Dept.
 Inspections Dept.

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TOWN OF NEEDHAM

TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS OF THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

March 7, 1955

AND

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 21, 1955



NEEDHAM TIMES

1955

NEEDHAM TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 7, 1955

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen, January 24, 1955, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections, met at the polling places designated for the several precincts in said Needham on Monday, the seventh day of March in the year 1955 at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant and Officer's Return were read by the Wardens of the Precincts, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

The ballot boxes were inspected and found to be empty with the registers set on 0000. The boxes were then locked and the keys delivered to the Police Officers in attendance.

The ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by their respective Wardens.

The polling places had been designated as follows:

The voters of Precincts 1 and 3, in the Junior High School

The voters of Precinct 2, in the Harris School

The voters of Precinct 4, in the High Rock School

The voters of Precinct 5, in the William Carter School

The voters of Precinct 6, in the William Mitchell School

The polls were opened at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by Section 48, Chapter 54 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot the following Town Officers:

One Selectman for three years;

One Moderator for one year;

One Assessor for three years;

Two Members of the Board of Public Welfare for three years;

Two Trustees of the Public Library for three years;

One Trustee of Memorial Park for one year;

Two Trustees of Memorial Park for three years;

Two Members of the School Committee for three years,

One Member of the Board of Health for three years;

One Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years;

One Member of the Town Planning Board for two years;

One Member of the Town Planning Board for five years;

One Member of the Recreation Commission for three years;

One Member of the Needham Housing Authority for five years;

Two Constables for one year;

Fourteen Town Meeting Members for each Precinct, namely 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, for three years;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 1 for one year;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 2 for two years;

Two Town Meeting Members from Precinct 4 for two years;

Two Town Meeting Members from Precinct 5 for one year;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 5 for two years;

Two Town Meeting Members from Precinct 6 for one year.

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ARTICLE 2. To submit the following question upon the official ballot to the registered voters of the Town:

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-five entitled 'An act relative to the election and terms of office of Town Meeting Members in the Town of Needham' be accepted by this Town?"

ARTICLE 3. To submit the following question upon the official ballot to the registered voters of the Town:

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-five entitled 'An act providing for the transfer of Park Commissioner Powers from the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Needham' be accepted by this Town?"

The ballot box returns in the Precincts were as follows:

<i>Precincts</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
7:00 A.M.	2	0	2	4	1	3
8:00 A.M.	26	35	24	51	17	31
9:00 A.M.	40	65	49	92	29	72
10:00 A.M.	70	81	72	112	42	78
11:00 A.M.	85	109	101	147	63	96
12:00 Noon	101	123	115	166	89	119
1:00 P.M.	126	140	146	210	118	130
2:00 P.M.	170	167	185	238	142	167
3:00 P.M.	200	189	221	262	169	192
4:00 P.M.	232	228	253	300	201	227
5:00 P.M.	290	274	285	375	249	294
6:00 P.M.	348	398	398	483	307	400
7:00 P.M.	432	516	477	577	436	559
8:00 P.M.	525	616	603	692	555	692
Absentee	6	4	6	4	2	11

Total Votes 3716 — 33.5% of Registered Voters

The Town Clerk and the Board of Registrars upon receipt of the returns from the several precincts, forthwith canvassed the same and announced the results at 11:45 P.M.

TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

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	Precincts					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total of Votes Cast	531	620	609	696	557	3716
MODERATOR (For One Year)						
Harold Putnam						
Blanks	471	550	551	624	493	3319
	60	70	58	72	64	397
SELECTMAN (For Three Years)						
Philip F. Foss	260	346	339	346	285	1982
Clarke H. Wertheim	249	257	252	340	248	273
Blanks	22	17	18	10	24	24
						115
ASSESSOR (For Three Years)						
Arthur H. Godfrey	467	554	563	615	468	3289
Frank Marsili	—	—	—	1	—	1
Blanks	64	66	46	80	89	426
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE (For Three Years)						
William A. Mann	353	435	429	478	373	2559
W. Raymond Hewes	362	394	416	455	279	2324
John F. Manter	204	256	219	240	251	315
Blanks	143	155	154	219	211	182
						1064
BOARD OF HEALTH (For Three Years)						
Leslie B. Cutler	458	531	545	606	469	3212
Blanks	73	89	64	90	88	504
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (For Three Years)						
Charles E. Greene	387	488	495	514	432	2782
Daniel H. Rider	426	502	523	534	419	535
John M. Bailey	47	38	31	85	14	96
Blanks	202	212	169	259	249	309
						1400
NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY (For Five Years)						
Leslie H. Wicken	428	524	536	591	442	578
Wallace B. McLaughlin	—	—	—	—	—	1
Blanks	103	96	73	105	115	124
						616

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	Precincts						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
PLANNING BOARD (For Two Years)							
Warren Meyer	57	74	64	71	89	99	454
Artemas P. Richardson	191	248	246	273	180	252	1390
Edwin M. Wainwright	223	234	246	286	222	260	1471
Blanks	60	64	53	66	66	92	401
PLANNING BOARD (For Five Years)							
John W. LeBourveau	145	152	154	234	184	195	1064
Henry V. Perry	332	425	412	411	318	430	2328
Blanks	54	43	43	51	55	78	324
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (For Three Years)							
Marion L. Johnson	433	530	537	585	446	592	3123
Harry W. Kimball	430	522	539	590	434	580	3095
Blanks	199	188	142	217	234	234	1214
TRUSTEE OF MEMORIAL PARK (For One Year)							
Ronald D. Lowden	448	522	551	601	445	599	3166
Blanks	83	93	58	95	112	104	550
TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK (For Three Years)							
Lester C. Huse	365	426	422	476	319	488	2496
Francis W. Coburn	230	336	286	337	226	349	1764
J. Norman Gledhill, Jr.	147	183	225	211	157	203	1126
Alfred Wenham	171	123	137	162	226	186	1005
Blanks	149	172	148	206	186	180	1041
COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (For Three Years)							
Amos H. Shepherdson	429	492	526	585	434	583	3049
Blanks	102	128	83	111	123	120	667
RECREATION COMMISSION (For Three Years)							
Clarence E. Dusseault	340	431	417	531	290	454	2463
Thomas H. Sparkes	157	151	153	113	223	201	998
Blanks	34	38	39	52	44	48	255
CONSTABLES (For One Year)							
William W. Hewett	444	541	546	605	447	595	3178
Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.	414	522	535	595	413	575	3054
Blanks	204	177	137	192	254	236	1200

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TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

PRECINCT ONE	(For Three Years)	
Norman E. Alexander	James Hugh Powers	396
John K. Benson	Ridgley G. Shepherd	376
Ralph L. Bixby	Philip Simon	368
William H. Dugan	Stanley F. Teele	391
John F. Harkins	John Wallace	385
Clayton L. Holden	Harold Leslie Cramer	382
James H. Noonan	Nancy E. MacMillan	373

PRECINCT ONE	(For One Year)	
W. Raymond Hewes		456
PRECINCT TWO	(For Three Years)	
Walter J. Clark	Harold A. Page	392
Francis W. Coburn	Percy H. Paige	339
Irving H. Cowdrey	Nelson A. Talmadge	373
Donald A. Eaton	Thomas H. Welch	399
*Carl A. Flint	*Daniel E. Baker, Jr.	250
Robert J. Granberg	Harold L. Blaisdell	366
Charles L. Hall, Jr.	*Robert C. Carter	282
*George E. Leeper	John Barr Dolan	333
Herbert L. Moore	Loring C. Nye	356

PRECINCT TWO	(For Two Years)	
*Betty-Jane D. Chamberlin		176
Milton B. Hardin		203
*Robert L. Schneider		149

PRECINCT THREE	(For Three Years)	
Andrew C. Bailey	Frederic B. Williams, Jr.	389
Frank L. Bridges	*Charles M. Bellomo	116
A. Richards Daniels	*Robert A. Bierweiler	186
Frances B. Eaton	*Hugh Dysart, Jr.	232
Jessie L. Hardy	*Arthur E. Engdahl	195
Marcel E. Johnson	Frank L. Farwell	275
Robert H. Kimball, Jr.	*Meyer J. Gordon	245
Verner O. Nelson	Walter D. Leach, Jr.	248
Henry V. Perry	*Henry W. Longley	169
Julia M. Preble	*Richard W. Mayer	190
Theodore P. Whittemore, Jr.	*Robert A. Olinder	143

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PRECINCT FOUR (For Three Years)

Howard F. Allen	416	Robert W. Page	466
Raymond F. Bosworth	507	Helen E. White	460
Ada Phelps Clarke	443	John E. Auchmoody	335
Francis C. Eaton	494	Joel H. Bennett	385
Blake H. Field	486	*J. Paul Condren, Jr.	249
Elbert S. Godfrey	464	*Louisa Jane Feick	234
W. Bigelow Hall	477	*William G. Guernsey	252
Robert N. King	505	*John W. Lebourveau	270
Allan D. McIntosh	435	*Anthony C. Pippo	317
J. Allan McKinlay	446		

PRECINCT FOUR (For Two Years)

Alden Eberly	396
Gene R. Leavitt	418
*Elinor M. Norman	363

PRECINCT FIVE (For Three Years)

Asna Aronie	285	Edward L. Bottum	255
Winnifred C. Atkinson	316	Charles A. Carpenter	241
Walter L. Benson	301	D. Kent Eaton, Jr.	246
John W. Coppinger	346	*Harding S. Ericson	229
William Fitzgerald	287	*William N. Gottsman, Jr.	198
Arthur F. Johnson	288	*Harold B. Gursha	220
William B. Ludlow, Jr.	330	Eleanor A. Mason	267
Chalmers A. Peairs, Jr.	318	*Clifton M. Neal	189
Janet A. Peck	291	*Manuel F. Pacheco	172
Paul Revere	321	*Joseph Savignano	212

PRECINCT FIVE (For Two Years)

Robert W. Chalue	317
*Libero Petrini	170

PRECINCT FIVE (For One Year)

*James M. Barton	108	*Edward G. Newman	106
*Dawson L. Brown	140	Thomas H. Sparkes	213
John W. McLeod	189	*Alvin C. Whitaker	156

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PRECINCT SIX (For Three Years)

Mary J. Akers	453	Robert B. Wheeler	475
Pierce B. Bennett	418	*Robert W. Cherry	322
Henry W. Eaton	453	*T. Stanley Emerson	295
Julius T. Fedel	449	Norman F. Fay	414
Theodore N. Graser	419	*Joseph L. Hart	253
Victoria D. Hamburger	408	*Willard S. Levings	185
Harry R. Hill	449	*Paul W. Lumsden	296
Munroe Husbands	443	*Donald A. McCarthy	186
Leonard W. Rowley	395	Richard M. Salamone	356
Ernest T. Skinner	435	Robert L. Woodbury	343

PRECINCT SIX (For One Year)

Henry A. Burnham	332	Arthur T. Henderson	324
*Mary H. Fernald	287	*Lynn MacDonald	258

QUESTION NO. 1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Yes	249	310	289	388	241	364	1841
No	128	141	147	129	117	129	791
Blanks	154	169	173	179	199	210	1084

QUESTION NO. 2

Yes	293	326	328	395	267	365	1974
No	105	140	126	137	105	149	980
Blanks	133	154	155	164	185	189	762

The ballots cast in the several precincts were returned to the Town Clerk in the sealed packages. The voting lists used at the entrances to polling places and at the ballot boxes with the tally sheets and copy of the precinct records of elections were also returned, all properly sealed in conformity with the laws governing elections.

Adjourned at 11:45 P.M., Monday, March 7, 1955.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

March 21, 1955

Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Selectmen January 24, 1955, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Junior High School in said Town on Monday, March 21, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 427 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 239 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M., by the Moderator, Harold Putnam. Those present arose and joined Mr. Pollard in singing the national anthem. The Reverend H. Hamlin Hall was called upon to offer a prayer. Following this, the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

Mr. Harold Svendsen and Mr. H. Leslie Cramer were sworn in as tellers by the Moderator.

It was proposed that debate on any article should be limited to not more than fifteen minutes per speaker and was so voted.

ARTICLE 4. To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

VOTED: That the following Town Officers be elected:

Town Agents: Edward J. Stewart, Everett C. Cross and Philip F. Foss.
Measurer of Wood and Bark: Frederick A. Whetton.

Public Weighers: Neil E. Burgess, Elaine Cederval, Aurelio DiMuzio, Chester Kirkpatrick, Mary Kunz, Ernest Lyons, George McCullough, Domenic Nigro, Oreste Nardone, Richard L. Nims, Nicholas A. O'Brien, Jr., Betty Rosenkrans, John Tresca, Frederick A. Whetton, John J. Whetton and Ralph T. Woodcock.

ARTICLE 5. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Mr. John Bailey asked that it be considered that no action has been taken under Article 5 by the Committee to study the uses of Town Owned Lands and it was so voted.

VOTED: That the reports of Town Officers and Committees be accepted and placed on file.

ARTICLE 6. To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1954.

VOTED: That the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated to pay certain bills, contracted for in 1954, but not received in time to be paid, and to meet certain deficiencies incurred in 1954.

ARTICLE 7. To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1955.

VOTED: That unpaid bills contracted for in 1955, but not received by the Town until after December 31, 1955, regarded as "unpaid bills," be paid in January 1956, from cash on hand, and the amount so paid be reported by the Town Accountant to the Finance Committee to be included in its report of appropriations for 1956.

ARTICLE 8. To see what disposition the Town will make of monies received pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 172, as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund.

VOTED: That the sum of \$2,592.98, received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund, be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of each of the elective officers of the Town, as required by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, in accordance with the proposed minimum and maximum rates recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee and subject to the provisions of paragraphs (f) and (g) of Section 20 of the proposed consolidated personnel by-law (or to the step-rate and longevity provisions of the current Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, until the same cease to have effect), wherever the same shall apply, as follows:

	<i>Present</i>		<i>Proposed</i>	
	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Max.</i>	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Max.</i>
Principal Assessor	\$4,300.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,300.00	\$5,000.00
Assistant Assessor		1,350.00		1,350.00
Selectmen, Chairman		600.00		600.00
Selectmen, other		450.00		450.00
Town Clerk	3,600.00	4,200.00	3,600.00	4,200.00
Town Treasurer and Tax Collector		4,600.00		4,600.00

Said salaries and compensation to be retroactive to January 1, 1955; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the salary and compensation of each of the elected officers of the Town be fixed, as required by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended, in accordance with the proposed minimum and maximum rates recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee and subject to the provisions of paragraphs (f) and (g) of Section 20 of the proposed consolidated personnel by-law (or to the step-rate and longevity provisions of the current Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, until the same shall cease to have effect), wherever the same shall apply, as follows:

	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Principal Assessor	\$4,300.00	\$5,000.00
Assistant Assessor		1,350.00
Selectmen, Chairman		600.00
Selectmen, Other		450.00
Town Clerk	3,600.00	4,200.00
Town Treasurer and Town Collector		4,600.00

said salaries and compensation to be retroactive to January 1, 1955.

ARTICLE 10. To see what action the Town will take relative to the compensation of its Town officers, other than elective officers, and its employees.

The Chair asked to postpone action under Article 10 until the Town Meeting had acted on Article 13 and it was so voted.

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ARTICLE 11. To see in what manner the Town will have its taxes collected in the current year.

VOTED: That the taxes for the current year be collected in the same manner as in the year 1954 and that the compensation therefor be the same as voted for said purpose under Article 22 of this warrant.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and confirm the following votes of the Salary and Wage Committee, taken pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, Rule 5, paragraph (b) and Rule 9, subsection (a) paragraph (2):

(1) A vote, on May 9, 1954 establishing the classification of "Town Forester", at a flat annual salary of \$4,350.00 and approving the employment therein of Mr. Robert Yokes, as requested by the Superintendent of Public Works;

(2) Votes, on June 2, 1954, and June 24, 1954, approving the action of the Fire Chief in employing Substitute Fire Fighters at the rate of \$10.00 per diem, the same being less than the rate (i.e. \$13.20 per diem) established in the Town Compensation Plan;

(3) Votes, on September 15, 1954, and October 6, 1954, establishing, upon request of the Board of Health, the classifications of "Dentist", at the rate of \$20.00 per diem, and "Dental Hygienist", at the rate of \$1.65 per hour, subject to the proviso that the person incumbent in the position of Dental Hygienist on October 6, 1954, continue at the rate of \$7.50 per morning, all as necessitated by the action of the Town (under Article 81 of the 1954 annual warrant) in taking over the Dental Clinic formerly operated by the New Century Club and the United Community Services; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the following votes of the Salary and Wage Committee, taken pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, Rule 5, paragraph (b) and Rule 9, subsection (a), paragraph (2), be ratified, approved and confirmed:

(1) A vote, on May 9, 1954 establishing the classification of "Town Forester", at a flat annual salary of \$4,350.00 and approving the employment therein of Mr. Robert Yokes, as requested by the Superintendent of Public Works;

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ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws by striking out Article X, inserted by vote of the Town under Article 4 of the warrant for the special Town Meeting held on June 18, 1951 and inserting in place thereof, the following article, as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee.

ARTICLE X

THE CONSOLIDATED PERSONNEL BY-LAW

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Article, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless a different construction is clearly required by the context or by the laws of the Commonwealth;

"Civil Service Law", Chapter 31 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, as amended and all rules and regulations made thereunder; and any special law enacted by the General Court regulating the classification, compensation and conditions of employment of officers and employees of the Town under Chapter 31;

"Class", a group of positions in the Town service sufficiently similar in respect to duties, responsibilities and authority thereof that the same descriptive title may be used to designate each position allocated to the class, that the same requirements as to education, experience, capacity, proficiency, knowledge, ability, and other qualifications shall be required of the incumbents, that the same tests of fitness may be used to choose qualified employees and that the same scale of compensation can be made to apply with equity;

"Continuous employment", employment uninterrupted except for required military service and for authorized vacation leave, sick leave, bereavement leave, court leave or other leave of absence;

"Department", any department, board, committee, commission, or other agency of the Town subject to this by-law;

"Department Head", the officer, board, or other body having immediate supervision and control of a department; in the instance of a department serving under the supervision and control of the Selectmen, the officer, board, or other body immediately responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the administration of the department.

"Emergency employment", or "emergency appointment", employment or appointment made for a specified time without requisition, or without the prior approval of the Personnel Committee, to cover an unforeseen emergency;

"Emergency employee" or "emergency appointee", an employee or appointee retained on emergency employment or emergency appointment to serve for a period not exceeding three calendar weeks;

"Full-time employment", employment for not less than seven and one-half hours per diem for five days a week for fifty-two weeks per annum, minus legal holidays and authorized military leave, vacation leave, sick leave, bereavement leave, court leave, and leave of absence;

"Full-time employee", an employee retained on full-time employment;

"Holiday", the Lord's Day and all days on which legal holidays are observed in Norfolk County pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 4 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth; provided, however that the phrase "holiday" shall not include the Lord's Day for purposes of holiday pay;

"Holiday pay", extra pay authorized pursuant to paragraph (f) of Section 19;

"Overtime", time in excess of the normal number of hours or days of working time in the work week of the department;

"Part-time employment", employment for less than full-time employment, as defined above;

"Permanent position", any position in the Town service which has required or which is likely to require the services of an incumbent without interruption for a period of more than six calendar months, either on a full-time or part-time employment basis;

"Permanent employee", or "permanent appointee", (1) any employee retained on a continuing basis in a permanent position, as defined above; (2) any employee holding a permanent appointment under the Civil Service Law to a position deemed permanent within the meaning of said law;

"Position", an office or place of employment in the Town service with duties and responsibilities calling for the full-time or part-time employment of one person in the performance and exercise thereof;

"Promotion", a change from a position of lower class and compensation to a position of higher class and compensation and greater responsibilities;

"Temporary position", any position in the Town service which is not permanent, but which requires or is likely to require the services of one incumbent for a period not exceeding six calendar months;

"Temporary employee", (1) an employee retained in a temporary position as defined above; (2) any employee holding a temporary appointment under the Civil Service Law who does not also have permanent status thereunder; (3) an employee retained in a position in a class the title of which contains the adjective "temporary";

"Town", the Town of Needham;

"Veteran", a person who is a veteran within the meaning of Section 21 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, as amended;

"Welfare Compensation Plan", the plan established by the Commonwealth pursuant to Section 47D of Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

Section 2. Application Of This By-Law. All Town departments and all positions in the Town service, other than the School Committee, and the Trustees of Glover Memorial Hospital, and positions under their respective supervision and control, shall be subject to the provisions of this by-law.

Section 3. The Personnel Committee. There is hereby established a Personnel Committee consisting of five members to be appointed by the Moderator, and each member shall serve for a term of three years; provided, however, that of the members originally appointed, one shall serve for a term of one year, two for a term of two years, and two for a term of three years, as designated by the Moderator. At least two of the members of said committee shall be qualified by reason of their experience as personnel executives; and no person shall serve upon said committee who is at the same time an employee of the Town, or who holds an elective Town office other than Town Meeting membership, or who is a member of any other permanent Town committee, board or commission. However, nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the chairman of the Personnel Committee from designating a member of said Committee to serve ex officio as representative of said Committee on a study committee of the town meeting, or to affect the tenure of said member on the Personnel Committee. If any member of the Personnel Committee shall resign or otherwise vacate his office before the expiration of his term, his successor shall be appointed by the Moderator to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

Said committee shall elect its own chairman and vice-chairman; and in the absence or incapacity of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall act as chairman. The committee shall keep a record of its official proceedings and actions, may establish its own rules of procedure and may, subject to appropriation therefor, retain such clerical and other assistance, and make such other expenditures as may be necessary to the performance of its duties. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the committee, and the affirmative vote of three members shall be necessary to any official act of the committee.

The Selectmen shall furnish the committee with such office space as it may require for the performance of its duties and the storage of its property; and upon application of the committee, shall provide it with an adequate place for the holding of public hearings.

Section 4. Administrative Authority of the Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee is hereby authorized to administer the provisions of this by-law, except for such duties as may be specifically assigned by statute or by-law to other Town officers, board or committees. Appeals from decisions of the Personnel Committee may be taken to the Town at the next annual Town Meeting.

The Personnel Committee may from time to time issue, amend, or revoke Administrative Orders for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this by-law, and for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of such other by-laws and votes of the Town, pertaining to personnel administration, as said committee may be responsible for administering and/or enforcing. Each such order shall be numbered in sequence, and said committee shall maintain in its office a file of all such orders issued, said file to be open to public inspection.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the committee shall have access to all facts, figures, records, and other information relating to the personnel of Town departments other than the School Department, and the same shall be furnished forthwith by any such department whenever so requested by the Personnel Committee, in such form as said committee may require.

Section 5. Personnel Records and Reports. A Personnel record of all Town employees, including both elected and appointed employees, shall be kept by the Town Accountant in his office. Said record shall contain all the vital statistics and other pertinent data of each and every person employed by the Town. It shall be the duty of each Town officer and employee to furnish to the Town Accountant forthwith, upon his request, all data needed for the completion of this record, and such personnel records and reports as the Personnel Committee may require.

Each department head shall submit to the Town Accountant on Monday of each week, in such form as the Personnel Committee shall prescribe, a report of all officers and employees of the department absent from duty during the calendar week immediately preceeding, specifying in each case whether the officer or employee was absent on vacation leave, on leave of absence, on occupational sick leave, on non-occupational sick leave, on bereavement leave, on court leave, or on military leave, or specifying the nature of his absence if it was not for one of the foregoing reasons.

The oath or affirmation required of persons entering the employ of the Town by Section 14 of Chapter 264 of the General Laws, as amended, shall be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Section 6. Employment, Promotion and Transfer of Non-Civil Service Personnel.

The employment, promotion and transfer of Town personnel not subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Law shall be according to the following conditions:

(a) The Town Clerk, or in the absence or incapacity of the Town Clerk the acting Town Clerk, shall promptly notify the Personnel Committee when a person duly and lawfully elected to a paid elective office of the Town has qualified to perform and has entered upon the duties of said office; and upon receipt of said notice the committee shall deem such person to be properly employed and shall authorize the payment to him of the emoluments of his office. The Town Clerk, or in the absence or incapacity of the Town Clerk, the acting Town Clerk, shall promptly notify the Personnel Committee when the incumbent of a paid elective Town office has resigned from or has otherwise vacated the same; and upon receipt of said notice the committee shall deem said incumbent to be separated from the Town service.

(b) Except for emergency employees and when not in conflict with the laws of the Commonwealth, no employment in or transfer to a paid appointive position in the Town service not subject to the Civil Service Law shall take effect until the same has been approved by the Personnel Committee as being in compliance with the requirements of the Classification Plan, Compensation Plan and other provisions of this by-law; and if such employment or transfer is in compliance as aforesaid, the Personnel Committee shall approve the same, and may make such approval retroactive. In the case of an emergency declared by the elected officer or board having supervision of a department, said department may, subject

to the limitations of its appropriation and to such requirements as the Personnel Committee may determine, employ emergency employees without requirement of prior approval by said Committee.

(c) No employment or promotion hereunder shall become effective until such time as the appropriation or other monies out of which the compensation is to be paid shall be adequate.

(d) No proposed promotion to a position subject to this section shall be approved by the Personnel Committee until it shall first have been approved by the elected officer or elected board having the supervision and control of the department in which the employee is employed.

(e) If any candidate for employment by the Town under this or the next section shall refuse to take the oath or affirmation required by Section 14 of Chapter 264 of the General Laws, as amended, the Personnel Committee shall refuse to approve his employment.

Section 7. Employment, Promotion and Transfer of Employees Subject to the Civil Service Law. No person shall be appointed, transferred, or promoted to any position in the town service which is subject to the Civil Service Law unless such appointment, transfer, or promotion shall be in compliance with the provisions of said law and the rules and regulations made thereunder. Before making any such appointment, transfer, or promotion, the appointing authority shall notify the Personnel Committee, in such form as it may require, of his intent to appoint, transfer or promote an employee subject to the Civil Service Law.

Section 8. Hours of Employment and Hours During Which Town Offices Shall Remain Open. All offices of boards or other agencies of the Town shall be open to the public for the transaction of business daily on days other than Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays for such hours, beginning not later than half past eight o'clock in the forenoon and ending not earlier than five o'clock in the afternoon, as may be set by the board or agency, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, except that if the convenience of the public so requires, any board or agency, subject to like approval, may keep any office under its jurisdiction open on any Saturday, not a holiday, from nine o'clock in the forenoon to twelve o'clock noon, and give any employee required to work on Saturday equivalent time off without loss of compensation. If any employee, other than the head of a department or a division, shall be required to work overtime, the employing authority may give him equivalent time off without loss of compensation.

The Selectmen may, subject to the laws of the Commonwealth, require any Town board or agency to keep one or more of its offices open on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, or after normal working hours for the transaction of emergency business during the course of a lawfully declared Civil Defense Emergency or other great public disaster in the Town; and after the termination of said emergency or disaster, any employee required to work during Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, or after normal working hours as aforesaid shall be given equivalent time off without loss of compensation.

The hours of duty of the permanent members of the uniformed fire-fighting force of the Town shall be so established by the Selectmen, acting through the Chief of the Fire Department, that the average weekly hours of duty in any year, other than hours during which members may be summoned and kept on duty because of conflagrations or emergencies, shall be fifty-six in number.

The hours of duty of the members of the Police Department shall be so established by the Selectmen, acting through the Chief of Police, that members of said department shall be excused from duty for two days out of every seven without loss of pay, as provided in Section 16C of Chapter 147 of the General Laws, as amended.

Except as may otherwise be required by law, the service of all laborers, workmen, mechanics, engineers, janitors, custodians, and other employees subject to the provisions of Sections 31 and 33, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as amended, shall be restricted to eight hours in any one

day, except in cases of extraordinary emergency; provided, that in the event of a Saturday half-holiday being given to any such employee, his hours of employment on other working days may be increased sufficiently to make a total of forty-eight hours for his week's work. The basic work week for all hourly-rated employees of the Town shall be five eight-hour days, totaling forty hours in all; and work in excess of these hours shall be paid for at the rate of one and one-half times the basic hourly rate. Such overtime shall be worked only when necessary in the judgment of the department head and shall be authorized by him in advance.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Personnel Committee to fix the working hours of departments or Town officers and employees.

Section 9. Medical Examinations. Every applicant for permanent appointive employment by the Town shall be certified by a practicing physician, designated by the Town, as to his or her physical fitness to perform the duties of the position to which such applicant seeks appointment. If the Personnel Committee deems such action necessary to the protection of the Town, it may require any applicant for temporary appointive employment by the Town who is to be employed for thirty days or more, or any temporary appointive employee who has been employed by the Town for thirty days and has not been so certified, to be certified by a physician, designated by the Town, as to his or her physical fitness to do the work required by the Town. The certification required hereunder shall be in such form as the said committee shall determine. The cost of any physical examination required by this section shall be paid by the Town.

Section 10. Advertising of Vacancies. Before applying to the Personnel Committee for authority to fill an appointive position at an entrance rate greater than the minimum rate of compensation established by the Compensation Plan, as provided in paragraph (d) of Section 20, the employing authority shall advertise the vacancy to be filled. Said advertisement shall be in the form of a newspaper advertisement appearing in a newspaper having circulation in the Town, and shall identify the vacancy to be filled, giving the class and rate of compensation thereof, a brief description of the duties of the position, and the minimum qualifications for appointment thereto; and it shall set forth the place or places whereat application may be made for employment in such position, and the days and hours during which such application may be filed. The provisions of this Section shall not be in force during an emergency in the Town declared pursuant to the Civil Defense Act.

Section 11. Classification Plan. Sections 11 through 15, inclusive, and the classes established pursuant to Section 16, and the classes of positions established by Section 17 shall constitute the Classification Plan for the paid Town service, within the meaning of Section 108A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended.

Section 12. Classification of Existing Positions. The title of each class, as established by the Classification Plan shall, except as otherwise provided herein, be the official title of every position allocated to the class and the official title of each incumbent of a position so allocated, and shall be used to the exclusion of all others on payrolls, budget estimates and other official records and reports pertaining to the position.

If, in the instance of any position subject to the Civil Service Law, a different title for the position shall be established by the Director of Civil Service, such title shall be the official title of the incumbent of said position and shall be used, in lieu of the title described in the first sentence, on all payrolls, budget estimates, and other official records and reports pertaining to the position.

Except for paid elective positions, and except for positions allocated to their appropriate class by the Director of Civil Service pursuant to the Civil Service Law, each position in the Town service other than positions under the

supervision and control of the School Committee, shall be allocated by the Personnel Committee to a class established by the Classification Plan.

Section 13. Classification Descriptions and Qualifications. The Personnel Committee shall establish, maintain and amend from time to time, as it deems necessary, written definitions or job descriptions for each class of positions established pursuant to Section 16 and by Section 17, and for each class of paid elective positions. Said definition or job description shall describe the essential character of the duties and responsibilities of positions properly allocated to the class, with illustrative examples of work where desirable, setting forth the minimum qualifications for entrance to positions of the class. Such definitions or job descriptions shall be descriptive only and, except as provided herein with respect to minimum qualifications, not restrictive. They shall serve to define the scope of the several classes and not to prescribe in detail the duties or lines of promotion of any individual position.

In the instance of paid elective positions, the minimum qualifications for employment shall be (a) lawful election to the position, and (b) compliance with any special qualification prescribed by law for such position.

In the instance of classes of positions subject to the Civil Service Law, the minimum qualifications and specifications of employment shall be those approved by the Director of Civil Service. In the instance of a class containing positions subject to said Civil Service Law and positions not subject thereto, the minimum qualifications set forth in the definition or job description of that class required by the first paragraph of this section shall include the minimum qualifications approved by the Director of Civil Service for positions of the class subject to said law; but any other qualification listed therein and not approved by said Director shall not be construed to apply to the appointment of employees subject to the Civil Service Law.

In the instance of all other classes of positions, the minimum qualifications for allocation thereto shall be prescribed by the Personnel Committee, and shall be based (a) upon the minimum qualifications recommended to the committee by department heads, (b) upon the committee's examination of the work content of positions allocated to the class, and (c) the committee's study of comparable positions in private employment, in the service of other municipalities, and the State service. The minimum qualifications established for allocation of positions to a particular class shall be included in the definition or job description required by the first paragraph of this section.

Section 14. Continuing Review and Investigation by the Personnel Committee of the Personnel Program. The Personnel Committee from time to time, of its own motion, shall review and investigate the work and standard rates of compensation of all positions in the Town service other than those under the supervision and control of the School Committee, said reviews and investigations to cover all such positions at intervals of not more than two years. The Personnel Committee may make such other investigations of the conditions of employment of Town employees, other than School Department employees, as it deems necessary and proper, and may investigate any complaint relative to such conditions as may be filed with the committee by any department head, Town employee or other person or organization.

The Personnel Committee shall make such recommendations to the regular Annual Town Meeting relative to the amendment of this by-law as the committee deems necessary and proper, but shall report out no recommendations to a special Town Meeting other than a recommendation authorized by Section 15.

Requests by department heads, individuals or groups of individuals for changes in the classification of personnel, for changes in the compensation of Town personnel other than employees of the School Department, or for revisions of this by-law shall be filed with the Personnel Committee by the requesting parties not later than the first day of December immediately preceding the next Annual Town Meeting.

Section 15. Emergency Classifications and Compensation. In the case of urgent necessity the Personnel Committee, after consultation with the appointing authority, and subject to the approval of the Director of Civil Service when required by law, may anticipate formal action by the Town Meeting by establishing new classification, and the compensation therefor, subject to subsequent early ratification by the Town at a Town Meeting.

Section 16. Special Provisions Relative to Certain Offices and Positions.

(a) The salaries which shall be paid to Town officers elected by the people shall be established annually by vote of the Town, as required by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended.

(b) The rates of compensation of the following offices and positions shall be established, and may from time to time be changed, by the appointing authority concerned, subject to the approval of the Personnel Committee and to the limitations of the funds available to said appointing authority:

(1) physicians; (2) temporary positions established in connection with the taking of the decennial census, except positions which can be allocated to classes appearing in Section 17. In the case of positions subject to clause (2) of this paragraph, the official titles of such positions shall be established by the Personnel Committee in consultation with the appointing authority, except as otherwise provided by statute.

Section 17. Classifications and Standard Rates of Compensation of the Paid Appointive Service. Except as otherwise required by State law, the classes of positions in the paid appointive service by the Town (other than those in the service of the School Department) and the standard rates of compensation thereof, and the compensation of positions classified by the Director of Civil Service, shall be as follows:

Clerical Service

Classes of Position	Minimum	Maximum
Principal Clerk	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00
Senior Clerk-Stenographer, Welfare Department	2,400.00	2,700.00
Senior Clerk	2,400.00	2,700.00
Clerk	2,000.00	2,300.00
Selectmen's Clerk		440.00
Committee Secretary (per hour)		1.50
Temporary Part-time Clerk (per hour)		1.15

Custodial Service

Senior Custodian	3,200.00	3,650.00
Custodian	2,500.00	2,800.00
Town Hall Janitor	2,300.00	2,600.00
Substitute Janitor (per hour)		1.15

Engineering Services: Salaried

Superintendent of Public Works	6,800.00	8,000.00
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works and Superintendent of Water Division	5,600.00	6,600.00
Town Engineer (Sand and Gravel Inspector)	5,300.00	6,200.00
Divisional Superintendent (Highways)	5,300.00	5,900.00
Divisional Superintendent (Sewers)	5,300.00	5,900.00
Assistant Divisional Superintendent	4,200.00	4,900.00
Assistant Engineer	4,000.00	4,700.00
Deputy Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent	3,800.00	4,400.00
Chief of Party	3,500.00	4,100.00
Senior Draftsman	3,500.00	4,100.00
Draftsman	3,050.00	3,500.00
Memorial Park Supervisor	3,050.00	3,500.00
Supervisor of Mosquito Control		300.00

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Engineering Services: Hourly Rated

Classes of Position	Rate of Compensation	
	Minimum	Maximum
Master Mechanic		2.10
General Foreman		2.00
Supervisory Foreman		1.90
Shovel Operator		1.95
Garage Mechanic		1.85
Skilled Laborer		1.76
Semi-skilled Laborer		1.69
General Laborer		1.55
Student Draftsman		1.44
Rodman		1.44
Common Laborer		1.40
Temporary Laborer		1.25
Memorial Park Groundskeeper		1.25

Fiscal Service

Town Accountant	4,850.00	5,550.00
Chief Accounting Clerk	3,000.00	3,300.00
Executive Secretary of the Finance Committee		660.00

Health and Social Services

Animal Inspector		485.00
Clerk-Technician	2,500.00	2,800.00
Dental Hygienist (per hour)		1.65
Director of Health Services		1,600.00
Nutritionist (per hour)		1.85
Public Health Nurse	3,050.00	3,500.00
Sanitarian (per diem)		16.00
Veterans' Agent		2,500.00
Welfare Agent	3,750.00	4,250.00
Welfare Department, Social Worker	3,000.00	3,300.00

Legal and Registration

Town Counsel		3,800.00
Registrar of Voters		210.00
Canvasser (per hour)		1.15

Library Service

Librarian	3,800.00	4,400.00
Assistant Librarian	3,150.00	3,600.00
Cataloguer	3,100.00	3,400.00
Children's Librarian	3,100.00	3,400.00
Reference Librarian	3,100.00	3,400.00
Branch Librarian	2,400.00	2,700.00
Library Assistant	2,000.00	2,300.00
Extra Professional Assistant (per hour)		1.00
Extra Sub-professional Assistant (per hour)85
Student Helper (per hour)75

Public Safety: Fire Department

Chief	5,000.00	6,000.00
Deputy Chief	4,400.00	5,000.00
Captain	3,900.00	4,400.00
Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm	3,650.00	4,150.00
Firefighter, Permanent	3,425.00	3,800.00
Firefighter, Substitute (per diem)		13.20
Groundsman (per diem)		13.20
Call Man		310.00

Public Safety: Police Department

Classes of Position	Rate of Compensation	
	Minimum	Maximum
Chief	5,000.00	6,000.00
Sergeant	3,900.00	4,400.00
Detective	3,900.00	4,400.00
Police Officer, Permanent	3,425.00	3,800.00
Police Matron		550.00
Police Officer, Intermittent (per diem)		13.20
Traffic Policewoman (per month)		100.00

Public Safety: Other

Building Inspector	4,100.00	4,800.00
Director of Civil Defense		900.00
Dog Officer		700.00
Plumbing Inspector (per inspection, including travel)		3.75
Sealer of Weights and Measures		1,100.00
Substitute Building Inspector (per diem)		15.80
Substitute Wiring Inspector (per diem)		13.50
Wiring Inspector	3,500.00	4,100.00

Recreational Services

Director of Recreation	3,000.00
Secretary-Clerk (per hour)	1.50
Playground Supervisor (per week)	65.00
Beach Supervisor (per week)	65.00
Assistant Beach Supervisor (per week)	50.00
Playground Director (per week)	40.00
Beach Lifeguard (per week)	40.00
Beach Booth Attendant (per week)	35.00
Playground Assistant (per week)	30.00
Play Leader (per hour)75
Baseball Umpire (per season)	350.00

Section 18. Compensation Plan. The rates of compensation established pursuant to Section 16, and the standard rates of compensation established for the classes of the paid appointive service of the Town by Section 17, shall, together with the provisions of Section 15, 19, and 20, constitute the Compensation Plan of the Town within the meaning of Section 108A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended. Said plan shall be administered by the Personnel Committee according to the provisions thereof.

Section 19. Interpretation of Standard Rates of Compensation. The standard rates of compensation established by the Compensation Plan shall be construed as follows:

(a) The rates of compensation are in terms of dollars per year for full-time employment, except where otherwise expressly stated. It shall be permissible to pay equivalent compensation on other time bases, provided that the equivalent amount for any time unit other than a year shall be approved by the Personnel Committee based on the ratio that such other time unit bears to full-time employment for a twelve-month period. In the case of temporary or emergency employment, deviation from the ratio aforementioned shall be subject to the approval of the Personnel Committee in each individual instance.

(b) The rates of compensation prescribed, unless specific exception is noted in the compensation schedule for any class, shall, except as otherwise provided by paragraph (c) of Section 20 and by paragraph (f) below, represent the total remuneration to be paid to employees, including pay in every form, but not including reimbursement of actual authorized expenses incurred as necessary incidents to the employment.

(c) In every case in which compensation for work done, exclusive of overtime, is paid to a full-time employee by another department, branch or agency of the Town, such payments shall be deducted from the regular compensation due that employee, unless an exception has been specifically authorized in an individual case by the Personnel Committee.

(d) Where employment is on a part-time basis and no exception is noted in the rate of compensation for the class, only the proportionate part of the annual compensation for time actually employed shall be paid.

(e) A regular member of the Fire Department or the Police Department who performs an extra day's work in any week shall be paid therefor an amount equal to his regular weekly compensation divided by the number of days in his normal work week.

(f) Regular, full-time, permanent Town employees shall be paid one day at regular straight-time pay, in accordance with present practices, for all State legal holidays which fall on, or are observed on, regularly scheduled work days. Thus, if a State legal holiday shall fall on a Sunday but shall be observed on the following Monday, it shall be paid for. If a holiday falls on a Saturday which is not a regularly scheduled work day, it shall not be paid for. In the case of the Police and Fire Departments, whose personnel are subject to duty seven days a week, those employees performing their official duties on the holiday shall receive an extra day's pay; provided, (1) that if an employee assigned to work on a legal holiday shall not report for duty because of illness, he shall not be entitled to an extra day's pay as provided above; and provided, (2) that if an employee working on such legal holiday shall be unable to complete a full day's work because of injuries sustained by him in line of duty on such legal holiday, he shall nevertheless be entitled to the full amount of such extra day's pay; and provided, (3) that if an employee reporting for duty on a legal holiday shall be taken ill in the course of the day's work and shall have to be relieved of duty, he shall be entitled to that portion of an extra day's pay which is in proportion to the number of hours that he worked out of a full work day; and provided, (4) that the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to authorize holiday pay for employees absent on vacation; and provided, (5) that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to the heads of said departments; and provided, (6) that if an employee shall work more than one shift, watch or tour of duty on the same legal holiday, he shall receive an extra day's pay for the first such shift, watch or tour of duty, but shall not be entitled to holiday pay for each subsequent shift, watch or tour of duty undertaken by him on that same day.

Section 20. Operation of Standard Rates of Compensation. (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) below, the Personnel Committee shall approve as the rate of compensation for entrance into any position only the minimum rate in the scale for the class to which the position has been allocated. In the instance of an elected officer entering upon his first term in his office, the committee shall approve as the entering rate the minimum rate of compensation specified for said office in Section 16.

(b) When a person already in the employ of the Town is transferred to another position having a maximum rate of compensation lower than the rate of compensation being received by him in his former position, he shall enter the new position at its maximum rate.

(c) If the minimum rate of compensation for entrance into a position in any class, as established by Section 17, shall be less than the minimum rate of compensation for entrance into such position prescribed by the Commonwealth in or pursuant to the Welfare Compensation Plan, or in any other statute applying to the Town, the Personnel Committee shall approve as the rate of compensation for entrance into said position the minimum rate therefor established by the Commonwealth.

(d) Upon the recommendation of the employing authority, supported by evidence in writing of special reasons and exceptional circumstances satisfactory to the Personnel Committee and subject to the approval of the

Town at the next Annual Town Meeting, the Personnel Committee may approve an entrance rate that may be greater than the minimum rate for the position established by the Compensation Plan.

(e) If a position subject to the Civil Service Law shall be classified by the Director of Civil Service under a title not specified in Section 17, the rate of compensation of such position shall be that of the class of positions most closely resembling said position in respect to work content and requirements as determined by the Personnel Committee.

(f) Advancement from the minimum to the maximum rates shown in Sections 16 and 17 shall be as follows: (1) in the instance of positions compensated at a maximum rate not exceeding \$4,000 per annum, such advancement shall be by three equal, annual, successive steps; (2) in the instance of positions compensated at a maximum rate exceeding \$4,000 per annum but not exceeding \$6,000 per annum, such advancement shall be by four equal, annual successive steps; (3) in the instance of positions compensated at a maximum rate exceeding \$6,000 per annum, such advancement shall be by five equal, annual, successive steps. Neither the establishment of a new minimum salary under the Compensation Plan nor the establishment of a greater number of step-rate increases thereunder shall have the effect of reducing the total compensation to which an employee, incumbent in a position at the time such change takes effect, shall be entitled. No such advancement, and no additional payment authorized in paragraph (g) below shall be made until the same shall be approved by the Personnel Committee or its authorized agent; and said Committee or its authorized agent shall not so approve until after the employing authority shall have recommended such advancement or additional payment in writing to the committee or its authorized agent.

(g) In addition to the step-rate increases or advancement provided in paragraph (f) above, there shall be added to the annual compensation of each full-time employee of the Town, including each full-time hourly rated employee, the sum of fifty dollars after five years of continuous full-time employment, a second fifty dollars after ten years of such employment, a third fifty dollars after fifteen years of such employment, and a fourth fifty dollars after twenty years of such employment. Interruption of such employment for the purpose of performing military service shall not be deemed to break the continuity of service with the Town in calculating benefits payable under this paragraph, provided that no employment other than military service is entered into by the employee during the period of said interruption.

(h) Subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Law, where the same shall apply, and, subject to the approval of the Personnel Committee, applicants for temporary employment may be employed at less than the minimum compensation prescribed for the particular class by the compensation plan. Increases in compensation under the compensation plan are permissive and are not mandatory; and no increase shall become effective unless the appropriation made, according to law, to which it is chargeable, is sufficient for the purpose, and unless it is in compliance with paragraphs (f) and (g). As used in this paragraph, the word "increases" shall include payments authorized under paragraph (g) above.

(i) No change in the title of a class of positions shall have the effect of reducing the compensation of incumbents serving in positions allocated to said class at the time of such change.

Section 21. General Provisions as to Vacations. Each department head shall annually, after the first day of January in each year, develop a vacation schedule for all employees of his department who are or who may become eligible to receive vacation leave during said year; and he shall submit the same, in such form as the Personnel Committee may require, to the Town Accountant not later than May first of said year. Said department head shall schedule vacations over as wide a period as possible in order to obviate the need for temporary increases in the personnel of his

department. If in the course of such year it shall become necessary to amend said schedule, the department head shall notify the Town Accountant of such amendment not later than Wednesday of the week immediately preceding the week in which said amendment shall take effect.

If any employee eligible to receive vacation leave shall absent himself from duty without leave, the amount of such absence may be deducted proportionally from the amount of vacation leave due to said employee during the year in which such absence from duty without leave shall have occurred. If the employee shall already have taken the vacation leave due to him in that year, such absence may be chargeable against his next succeeding vacation leave allowance.

Vacation leave with pay shall not be granted to temporary employees.

Vacation leave shall not be cumulative from one year to another; provided, however, that if the vacation leave of an employee, scheduled to take his or her vacation in the month immediately preceding the date on which said employee's earned vacation credits are due to expire, is cancelled by the department to meet an emergency or to offset a critical shortage of personnel in the department during said month, the amount of such vacation leave may, with the approval of the Personnel Committee, be added to the amount of vacation leave which said employee shall be eligible to receive in the year immediately following.

Additional vacation leave of one day at prorated vacation pay shall be allowed for each holiday occurring within a vacation period.

The vacation for a given calendar year may be taken at any time during that calendar year, subject to the approval of the department head or other authority concerned, and further subject to giving at least one week's advance notice in writing to the Town Accountant.

Section 22. Vacation Leave for Full-Time Permanent Employees. Vacation leave shall be granted to full-time permanent employees subject to the following provisions:

(a) In the instance of employees who have been employed for less than twelve months as of May first in the current year, vacation leave of one day shall be granted with full pay for each month of employment, provided (1) that such vacation leave shall not exceed ten days; and (2) that such vacation leave credit shall be calculated from the first day of employment.

(b) Vacation leave of two weeks with full pay shall be granted to any such employee who, as of May first, has been employed by the Town for at least one year, but less than fifteen years.

(c) Vacation leave of three weeks with full pay shall be granted to any such employee who, as of May first, has been employed by the Town for fifteen years or more.

(d) Vacation leave of three weeks with full pay shall be granted to any full-time permanent employee of the Library Department who, as of May first, has been employed by the Town for at least one year.

(e) Any such vacation leave shall be subject to such diminution as is provided in Section 21.

(f) An employee provisionally appointed to a full-time permanent position subject to the Civil Service Law shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

(g) Weekly vacation pay for full-time salaried employees is to be calculated by dividing the number of days in the year into the sum total of basic annual salary and annual longevity pay, if any, both as of the time the vacation pay is drawn. Weekly vacation pay for full-time hourly-paid employees is based on forty (40) hours at the basic straight-time hourly wage rate at the time the vacation pay is drawn.

Section 23. Vacation Leave for Part-Time Permanent Employees. Part-time permanent employees, including employees provisionally appointed to part-time permanent positions subject to the Civil Service Law, shall be

entitled to the amount of vacation leave in the ratio that their part-time employment bears to full-time employment.

Section 24. Leaves of Absence. Except as otherwise provided in this by-law, all leaves of absence shall be without compensation and shall be subject to the approval of the department head, and in the instance of any such leave exceeding two weeks, to the approval of the Personnel Committee. Nothing in Sections 21 to 28A inclusive shall operate to reduce the salaries or wages of officers elected by the Town.

Section 25. Court Leave. (a) A Court leave of absence shall be granted to any Town officer or employee who (1) is called to serve upon a jury, or (2) is summoned to appear in court as a witness, or (3) shall request court leave for the purpose of appearing in court as a defendant or litigant. Such leave shall be granted only for the period of such jury service or for the period during which said officer or employee is required to be in court; and it shall in no way affect the employment rights of said officer or employee.

(b) If the jury or witness fees, exclusive of travel allowances, received by said officer or employee for such jury duty or for service as a witness in court shall be less than the regular rate of compensation received by him from the Town, the difference between said fees and said regular rate of compensation shall be paid to such officer or employee by the Town. If the amount of such fees received by said officer or employee shall exceed the regular rate of compensation received by him from the Town, no compensation shall be paid to him by the Town for the period of his jury duty or witness duty; provided, however, that to qualify for any payment by the Town hereunder, the officer or employee aforesaid must furnish the Town Accountant with complete and satisfactory evidence of the jury or witness fees paid. As used in this paragraph, the phrase "regular rate of compensation" shall mean the amount of salary or wages which the Town would pay to such officer or employee for the hours of work which he would normally perform during the calendar time period otherwise consumed by his jury or witness service.

(c) When court leave is granted to an officer or employee to appear in court as a defendant or litigant, it shall be granted without pay; provided, however, that the said officer or employee may, with the approval of the Personnel Committee, substitute one day of court leave with pay for one day of vacation leave with pay, not to exceed in number the total number of days of vacation leave with pay due to said officer or employee during the year in which such court leave with pay is granted.

Section 26. Military Leave. Town employees with a minimum of six consecutive months employment with the Town who serve in the State or Federal military training forces under orders shall be allowed full pay for not more than one normal working week and shall be granted a military leave of absence for the period of their required service with said forces.

Military leave of absence with pay shall be granted to employees of the Town on occasion of their appearance before local draft boards or draft appeal boards, or for physical examinations ordered by said boards; but no such leave shall be granted for a period of more than one day without the approval of the Personnel Committee. Such leave shall be deemed to be a military leave of absence.

A military leave of absence without pay shall be granted to any Town officer or employee called to active duty with the State or Federal armed forces for purposes other than the routine annual tour of duty for training purposes.

As used herein, the phrases "military training forces" or "armed forces" shall mean the United States Air Force, the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, the Massachusetts National Guard, the Massachusetts Air National Guard, the Massachusetts State Guard, and any and all components thereof.

Section 27. Occupational Sick Leave. If an employee is incapacitated in the performance of his duties, and is so certified in writing by a practicing physician, the term of receiving compensation shall be based on the following:

(a) If such employee is insured under the Workmen's Compensation Law, the Town, upon approval by the Personnel Committee, of the employee's claim to occupational sick leave payments, shall pay to said employee by way of salary an amount equal to the difference between the regular compensation of said employee and the amount paid to said employee either by the Workmen's Compensation insurer or out of the Town's insurance fund for Workmen's Compensation. For the purposes of calculating payments by the Town by way of salary under this paragraph, the phrase "amount paid to said employee either by the Workmen's Compensation insurer or out of the Town's Insurance Fund for Workmen's Compensation" shall mean the amounts paid for "wage benefits" only and not the amounts paid for medical benefits, hospital benefits or other features. After payments by said insurer or out of said Town's Fund have ceased, further payments by the Town by way of salary or compensation shall be made only upon the specific recommendation of the employing department head supported by further written medical testimony, and shall be subject to the approval of the Personnel Committee. As used in this paragraph the word "insurer" shall have the same meaning as is prescribed in Sub-section 7 of Section 1 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as amended, and the words "Town's Insurance Fund for Workmen's Compensation" shall have the meaning used in Section 13A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended.

(b) If an employee is not insured under the Workmen's Compensation Law, full pay shall be awarded for the first three weeks of incapacity, and thereafter further payments by the Town shall be made only upon the specific recommendation of the employing department head supported by further written medical testimony, and shall be subject to the approval of the Personnel Committee.

(c) Occupational sick leave shall be granted to any employee injured in the line of duty for the period of his incapacity. If said period shall exceed thirty days, a physician's certificate may be required by the department head or by the Personnel Committee.

Section 28. Non-Occupational Sick Leave. The granting of non-occupational sick leave and the payment of compensation to persons on non-occupational sick leave shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) The head of each department shall investigate and ascertain the validity of any request for non-occupational sick leave made by an employee of his department, and shall approve the same if he is satisfied as to the validity of such request. A physician's certificate may be required by the department head or by the Personnel Committee in any case of non-occupational sick leave claimed hereunder.

(b) Non-occupational sick leave without pay may be granted to any temporary employee, but no such employee shall be entitled to non-occupational sick leave with pay.

(c) In the instance of permanent employees, and in the instance of employees provisionally appointed to permanent positions subject to the Civil Service Law, no non-occupational sick leave with pay shall be granted during the first three months of employment, but non-occupational sick leave without pay may be granted.

(d) A permanent employee, or an employee provisionally appointed to a permanent position subject to the Civil Service Law, who has been employed by the Town for more than three months, but less than one year, may be granted non-occupational sick leave with full pay for one week in any one calendar year. Such employees who have been employed by the Town for at least one year, but not more than two years, may be granted non-occupational sick leave with full pay for two weeks in any one

calendar year. And such employees who have been employed by the Town for more than two years may be granted an additional three days of non-occupational sick leave with full pay for each successive full year of employment.

(e) In the instance of any part-time permanent employee, or in the instance of an employee provisionally appointed to a part-time permanent position subject to the Civil Service Law, non-occupational sick leave payments to such employee hereunder shall be on the same basis as is provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) above, but shall be pro-rated according to the number of hours or days of work per full-time week which such employee is normally required to perform. No payment shall be made on a claim under this paragraph until the basis of payment shall have been approved by the Personnel Committee.

(f) Payment of non-occupational sick leave benefits under this section shall not be initiated until the claim thereto by the employee shall have been approved by the Personnel Committee. If the period of a non-occupational sick leave granted under this section shall exceed fifteen days, a physician's certificate may be required by the department head or by the Personnel Committee.

(g) Unused non-occupational sick leave shall not be cumulative from one year of employment to another.

(h) Any dispute as to the eligibility of an employee to non-occupational sick leave payments hereunder or as to the amount of such payments may be taken to the Personnel Committee by the employee concerned, by the employing authority or by the Town Accountant, and the decision of the Personnel Committee as to such dispute shall be final.

Section 28A. Bereavement Leave. Bereavement leave without loss of pay, not to exceed five days as the department head may determine, may be granted by said department head to any officer or employee of the department on account of a death in the immediate family of such officer or employee.

Section 29. Personnel Appeals. Subject to the limitations imposed by the laws of the Commonwealth, and where the same shall apply, to the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the Welfare Compensation Board, the Personnel Committee may hear and may, in a manner not infringing the statutory prerogatives of the Town Meeting or of the appointing authority concerned, resolve the appeals of Town officers and employees who are aggrieved by any official action taken under authority of this by-law, other than an action of the Town Meeting.

Section 30. Amendments. It shall be Town policy to amend this by-law only at an annual town meeting, unless amendment at an earlier time shall be made clearly imperative by a specific provision of State law.

Section 31. Severability Clause. The provisions of this by-law are hereby declared to be severable, and if any such provision or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, such invalidity, illegality or unconstitutionality shall not be construed to affect the validity, legality, or constitutionality of any of the remaining provisions or the application of said by-law to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Powers offered an amendment to Section 27 upon the recommendation of the Town Counsel. It is a legal correction to satisfy the requirements of State law. The following amendment was accepted.

VOTED: That the main motion be amended by striking from the proposed By-Law the present Section 27 and by inserting in place thereof the following new Section 27:

"SECTION 27. INCAPACITY RESULTING FROM INJURY OR ILLNESS ARISING OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.

"a. Employees covered under Workmen's Compensation Law.

Each such employee shall be entitled to the benefits and be subject to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 152.

"b. Employees not covered under Workmen's Compensation Law, including members of the Fire and Police Departments.

Each such employee, sustaining injury or illness arising out of his employment, shall be entitled to receive his full pay for the period of his incapacity. If such period exceeds thirty days, continued payment beyond such period shall be subject to approval of the Personnel Committee, which may require periodic written medical testimony supporting the claim of continued incapacity as a condition precedent to its approval."

The original article, as amended, was then presented to the Town Meeting and it was

VOTED: That the Town's General By-Laws be amended by striking out Article X, inserted by vote of the Town under Article 4 of the warrant for the special town meeting held on June 18, 1951, and by inserting in place thereof, under authority of General Laws, chapter 41, section 108C, the following article:

Due to the length of Article 13 only the amended section has been printed.

Mr. Powers asked to continue the postponement of Article 10 until after Article 19 and it was so voted.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5 of Article II of the General By-Laws, as appearing in the 1947 compilation thereof, by striking out in line 5 thereof the words "fix his compensation," as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee in its recodification study; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That Section 5 of Article II of the Town's General By-Laws, as appearing in the 1947 compilation thereof, be amended by striking out in line 5 thereof the words "fix his compensation."

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 11 of Article II of the General By-Laws, as appearing in the 1947 compilation thereof, by striking out in line 2 thereof the words "at a fixed salary", as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee in its recodification study; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That Section 11 of Article II of the Town's General By-Laws, as appearing in the 1947 compilation thereof, be amended by striking out in line 2 thereof the words "at a fixed salary."

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to repeal its vote under Article 12 of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting held on June 10, 1947 wherein it established the hours during which certain public offices shall be open for the transaction of the Town business, as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee in its recodification study; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town rescind its vote under Article 12 of the warrant of the special Town Meeting of June 10, 1947, which established the hours during which certain public offices shall be open for the transaction of Town business.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to repeal the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, the Administration of Standard Rates of Salary and Wages and Conditions of Employment of Town officers and employees, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, and as most recently amended by vote of the Town under Article 12 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee in its recodification study; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town repeal the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, the Administration of Standard Rules of Salary and Wages and Conditions of Employment of Town Officers and Employees, adopted by vote of the Town under Article 11 of the warrant for the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, as most recently amended by vote of the Town under Article 12 of the warrant for the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; and that said repeal shall take effect upon the effective date of the Consolidated Personnel By-Law inserted in the Town's General By-Laws by vote of the Town under Article 13 of the warrant for this 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Personnel Committee the properties, records and files of the Salary and Wage Committee, to make said Personnel Committee responsible for settling the unpaid obligations of said Salary and Wage Committee, and otherwise to make the Personnel Committee the lawful successor of said Salary and Wage Committee upon the effective date of the Consolidated Personnel By-Law, as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That upon the effective date of the Consolidated Personnel By-Law inserted in the Town's General By-Laws by vote of the Town under Article 13 of the warrant for this 1955 Annual Town Meeting, the Salary and Wage Committee shall be abolished and its properties, records and files shall be transferred to the Personnel Committee established by said Consolidated Personnel By-Law; and that upon said effective date said Personnel Committee shall for all legal purposes be deemed the lawful successor of said Salary and Wage Committee.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to include the Glover Memorial Hospital within the scope of the Town Classification and Compensation Plans and other provisions of the Consolidated Personnel By-Law, as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee, by amending said by-law as follows:

(1) By striking out Section 2 of said by-law and by inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 2. Application of this By-Law. All Town departments and all positions in the Town service, other than the School Committee and positions under its supervision and control, shall be subject to the provisions of this by-law; provided, however, that the Glover Memorial Hospital shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 8 to 10 inclusive.

(2) By striking out, in paragraph (b) of Section 19, the words "paragraph (f)" and by inserting in place thereof the words: "paragraphs (f) and (g)".

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(3) By adding at the end of Section 16, under the caption "Glover Memorial Hospital (not including maintenance)", the following:

<i>Classes of Positions</i>	<i>Rate of Compensation</i>
Hospital Business Manager	\$6,500.00
Medical Record Librarian	2,553.00
Medical Secretary	2,080.00
Hospital Cashier and Bookkeeper	3,000.00
Senior Clerk (Hospital)	2,600.00
Senior Clerk-Telephone Operator (Hospital)	2,102.00
Admission Clerk	2,102.00
Secretary	2,440.00
Senior X-ray Technician	3,224.00
Laboratory Technician	3,060.00
Plant Superintendent	4,295.00
Supervisor, Central Supply	2,540.00
Sterilizer and Supply Clerk	2,025.00
Hospital Seamstress	1,838.00
Hospital House Worker	2,631.00
Hospital Maid	1,816.00
Hospital Laundry Manager	2,780.00
Hospital Laundry Worker	2,530.00
Hospital Chef	4,260.00
Hospital Dietician	3,551.00
Senior Hospital Kitchen Worker (Cook)	2,860.00
Hospital Kitchen Worker	1,816.00
Assistant Dietician	2,180.00
Superintendent of Nursing	5,400.00
Assistant Superintendent of Nursing	3,340.00
Head Nurse (Day)	3,136.00
Head Nurse (Night)	3,256.00
General Duty Nurse (Day)	2,740.00
General Duty Nurse (Night)	2,860.00
Licensed Attendant Nurse (Day)	2,278.00
Licensed Attendant Nurse (Night)	2,398.00
Nurse's Aide — I (per hour)85
Nurse's Aide — II (per hour)95

or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Powers offered two motions under this Article. The first motion when put to a vote did not carry.

MOVED: That Article X of the General By-Laws be amended by striking out Section 2 thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 2. Application of this By-Law. All Town departments and all positions in the Town service, other than the School Committee and positions under its supervision and control, shall be subject to the provisions of this by-law; provided, however, that the Glover Memorial Hospital shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 8 to 10 inclusive.

Yes 102 — No 124

Mr. Powers asked unanimous consent to withdraw his second motion under this article which provided the rates of compensation for the hospital. There was no opposition and the motion was withdrawn.

Article 10 was presented at this time.

ARTICLE 10. To see what action the Town will take relative to the compensation of its Town officers, other than elective officers, and its employees.

Mr. Hardy asked unanimous consent to strike out "reference to Article 13" and only refer to Article 22 and it was so voted.

VOTED: That the compensation of Town Officers, other than elective officers, and of Town employees, for the year 1955 be the same as voted for said purposes under Article 22 of this warrant.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 of Article VII of the General By-Laws by striking out the last sentence thereof and by inserting in its place the following sentence: "The Trustees shall appoint and may at their discretion remove, the officers and employees of the Hospital and shall determine their duties and responsibilities," as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Powers asked unanimous leave to withdraw his motion under this article and this permission was voted.

ARTICLE 21. To see what action, if any, the Town will take relative to so much of the report of the Salary and Wage Committee as pertains to group life insurance for permanent employees of the Town, as governed by the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5, Clause (44) and General Laws, Chapter 175, Section 133, et al; appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$7,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying part of the premiums for Group Life Insurance for permanent employees of the Town in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5, Clause (44) and General Laws, Chapter 175, Sections 133 et seq.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the necessary Town charges and expenses.

The Moderator explained that he would read off the budget recommendations of the Finance Committee as printed in the warrant giving each amount according to the item number. If any Town Meeting Member desired to offer an amendment under any item he was instructed to call out "pass" when that item was read. The Moderator stated that at the end of the reading he would take up each of these amendments in numerical order and each one would be put to a vote. The original motion, as amended, would then be presented.

The first amendment by Frances B. Eaton did not pass.

MOVED: That item #19 be changed by striking out the figure \$6,000 and inserting in place thereof the figure \$1,800.

The second amendment by Mr. Powers passed and it was

VOTED: That the caption "Salary and Wage Committee" appearing immediately after Item 24 be amended to read:—

Personnel Committee.

The third amendment by the Salary and Wage Committee did not pass.

MOVED: Item 26 be stricken out and that \$2,185 be inserted in place of \$185.

The fourth amendment by William A. Cassidy did not pass.

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MOVED: That item 80 be amended to read as follows:

Item 80 — Salaries \$12,635.00

Yes 89 — No 130

The fifth amendment by the Finance Committee passed and it was

VOTED: That Item 123 for the School Department be amended to read as follows:

Item 123 Instruction \$48,636.00
to be raised as follows:
from the current Tax Levy 48,436.00
Income from Dwight School Fund 200.00

The sixth amendment by the Finance Committee passed and it was

VOTED: That the Item 134 for the Public Library be amended to read as follows:

Item 134 Books and Periodicals \$ 9,500.00
to be raised as follows:
from the current Tax Levy 6,570.79
Income from Barr & Greenwood Funds 336.23
Income from Dog Licenses 2,592.98

The seventh amendment by Paul Richwagen passed and it was

VOTED: That item 143 be amended by striking out the amount of \$19,740.00 and inserting thereof the amount \$20,740.00.

The original budget, as amended, was then accepted. It was

VOTED: That the following sums of money be granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes hereinafter designated, together with authority to credit the purchase price of new equipment with the value of the old equipment to be turned in, said sums of money to be expended only for such purposes under the direction of the respective boards, committees, or officers of the Town as follows:

Accounting:

1. Salaries \$ 15,627.70
2. Expenses 1,473.00
3. Capital Outlay 408.00

Assessors:

4. Salaries 16,465.00
5. Expenses 2,215.00
6. Travel out of State 300.00
7. Capital Outlay 455.00

Board of Appeals:

8. Salaries 900.00
9. Expenses 725.00
10. Capital Outlay 0.00

Finance Committee:

11. Salaries 660.00
12. Expenses 2,500.00
13. Capital Outlay 0.00

Legal:

14. Salaries 3,800.00
15. Expenses 500.00
16. Damages 250.00
17. Capital Outlay 0.00

Planning Board:

18. Salaries 2,000.00
19. Expenses 6,000.00
20. Capital Outlay 200.00

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Registrars:

21. Salaries	3,414.00
22. Tellers and Canvassers	3,244.00
23. Expenses	2,601.00
24. Capital Outlay	780.00

Personnel Committee:

25. Salaries	1,346.00
26. Expenses	185.00
27. Capital Outlay	0.00

Selectmen:

28. Salaries	4,360.00
29. Expenses	710.00
30. Town Meeting	1,500.00
31. Capital Outlay	150.00

Town Clerk:

32. Salaries	6,954.82
33. Expenses	1,009.00
34. Fees	150.00
35. Capital Outlay	200.00

Town Hall and Grounds:

36. Salaries	10,071.61
37. Expenses	5,863.55
38. Capital Outlay	3,975.00

Treasurer and Tax Collector:

39. Salaries	10,800.00
40. Expenses	3,335.50
41. Capital Outlay	0.00

Civil Defense:

42. Salaries	1,800.00
43. Expenses	3,425.00
44. Out of State Travel	0.00
45. Capital Outlay	577.24

Fire Department:

46. Salaries	181,918.33
47. Expenses	2,100.00
48. Building Maintenance	5,700.00
49. Equipment Maintenance	2,750.00
50. Supplies and Equipment	5,500.00
51. Travel out of State	150.00
52. Medical Expense	125.00
53. Capital Outlay	37,100.00

Fire Alarm:

54. Salaries	4,750.00
55. Expenses	6,120.00
56. Equipment Maintenance	500.00
57. Capital Outlay	0.00

Forest Warden:

58. Paid Service	250.00
59. Forest Patrol	200.00
60. Expenses	150.00

Inspection:

61. Salaries	17,946.75
62. Expenses	665.00
63. Auto Rental and Maintenance	348.50
64. Transportation	480.00
65. Capital Outlay	1,800.00

Police Department:

66. Salaries	152,253.20
67. Communications	2,400.00
68. General Operations Expenses	4,500.00

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69.	Uniforms	3,125.00
70.	Automotive Maintenance	6,000.00
71.	Building Maintenance	3,300.00
72.	Travel out of State	150.00
73.	Auxiliary Police	200.00
74.	Signal System	600.00
75.	Capital Outlay	6,998.00
<i>Sealer of Weights and Measures:</i>		
76.	Salaries	1,100.00
77.	Expenses	140.50
78.	Transportation	300.00
79.	Capital Outlay	0.00
<i>Board of Health:</i>		
80.	Salaries	12,985.00
81.	Expenses	2,080.00
82.	Hospitalization	5,000.00
83.	Garbage Removal	26,500.00
84.	Mosquito Control	6,000.00
85.	Emergency Nuisance Abatement	100.00
86.	Capital Outlay	150.00
<i>Dental Clinic:</i>		
87.	Salaries	3,524.25
88.	Expenses	545.00
89.	Capital Outlay	0.00
<i>Public Works:</i>		
90.	Salaries	236,400.00
91.	Expenses	85,375.00
92.	Snow Removal	25,000.00
93.	Street Lighting	34,000.00
94.	Capital Outlay	51,625.00
95.	Travel out of State	600.00
96.	Moth Control	5,000.00
97.	Dutch Elm Disease	4,000.00
98.	Poison Ivy Control	500.00
99.	Sewer House Connections	35,000.00
100.	Watermains, New and Replacement	130,000.00
101.	Park Improvements	2,000.00
102.	Town Forests	1,500.00
103.	Parking Meter Expense	200.00
<i>Glover Memorial Hospital:</i>		
104.	Salaries	270,187.86
105.	Building Maintenance	32,900.00
106.	Expenses and Services	9,900.00
107.	Supplies and Equipment	100,000.00
108.	Travel out of State	300.00
109.	X-Ray and Laboratory	20,000.00
110.	Capital Outlay	1,500.00
<i>Public Welfare:</i>		
111.	Salaries	9,650.00
112.	Expenses	1,500.00
113.	General Relief Assistance	6,500.00
114.	Old Age Assistance	84,000.00
115.	Aid to Dependent Children	7,000.00
116.	Disability Assistance	10,500.00
<i>Veteran's Services:</i>		
117.	Salaries	5,800.00
118.	Expenses	600.00
119.	Transportation	400.00
120.	Veteran's Benefits	29,000.00

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Schools:

121.	Salaries	976,695.00
122.	General Control	2,700.00
123.	Instruction	48,636.00
124.	Operations	69,975.00
125.	Maintenance	47,845.00
126.	Auxiliary Agencies	15,300.00
127.	Outlay	12,108.00
128.	Travel out of State	800.00
129.	Transportation	32,000.00
130.	Vocational Education	4,500.00
131.	Adult Civic Education	300.00

Public Library:

132.	Salaries	31,933.30
133.	Expenses	2,575.00
134.	Books and Periodicals	9,500.00
135.	Bindings	1,000.00
136.	Building Maintenance	4,535.00
137.	Branch Rent	1,136.00
138.	Travel out of State	100.00
139.	Capital Outlay	1,000.00

Memorial Park:

140.	Salaries	7,050.00
141.	Expenses	2,350.00
142.	Capital Outlay	675.00

Recreation:

143.	Salaries	20,740.00
144.	Expenses	8,397.00
145.	Capital Outlay	3,500.00
146.	Rosemary Beach	_____

Debt and Interest:

147.	Maturing Bonds	384,000.00
148.	Interest on Debt	94,567.50
149.	Temporary Loan Interest	2,000.00
150.	Reserve Fund	35,000.00
151.	Insurance	23,137.95

Contributory Retirement:

152.	Contributions	36,964.00
153.	Expenses	700.00

Miscellaneous:

154.	Dog Officer	700.00
155.	Animal Inspector	485.00
156.	Animal Inspector, Transportation	125.00
157.	Annuities	7,190.02
158.	Soldiers Graves	800.00
159.	Town Reports	3,500.00
160.	Memorial Day	500.00
161.	Miscellaneous	300.00

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes that may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,250.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90, Road Construction; transfer the sum of \$33,750.00 from the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this latter amount, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, as recommended by the Public Works Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$45,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Chapter 90 road construction, said sum being raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account; and that the State and County shares of said total cost, amounting to \$33,750.00, be paid, upon receipt by the Town, into the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90, Road Maintenance; transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this latter amount, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, as recommended by the Public Works Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Chapter 90 road maintenance, said sum being raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account; and that the State and County shares of said total cost, amounting to \$2,000.00, be paid, upon receipt by the Town, into the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of repairs to the Charles River Bridge on Central Avenue at the Dover Town line under the provisions of Chapter 90; transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this latter amount, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, as recommended by the Public Works Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the cost of repairs to the Charles River Bridge on Central Avenue at the Dover Town line under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 90, said sum being raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account; and that the State and County shares of said total cost, amounting to \$2,000.00, be paid, upon receipt by the Town, into the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$80,000.00 for the installation of storm water drains in private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town and for extending the storm water drainage system in or connecting it with the existing storm water drainage system in public ways as proposed by the Public Works Department; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Hunter offered the following amendment which was accepted:

VOTED: That so much as pertains to borrowing be eliminated from the motion.

The original motion, as amended, was then put to a vote and was defeated.

MOVED: That the sum of \$80,000.00 be appropriated for the installation of storm water drains in private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town and for extending the storm water drainage system in or connecting it with the existing storm water drainage system in public ways as proposed by the Public Works Department; that of said total sum the amount of \$15,000.00 be raised from the current tax levy; and that said total sum be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen. (This article was reconsidered March 23, 1955).

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the alteration of, specific repairs upon, and the construction of all or portions of various Town ways, including sidewalks thereon, as recommended by the Public Works Department, determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated for the alteration of, specific repairs upon, and the construction of all or portions of various Town ways, including sidewalks thereon, as recommended by the Public Works Department; that said total sum be raised as follows:

From the current tax levy	\$4,497.46
By transfer of the following unexpended balances:	
Balance under Article 38 of 1953 Annual Meeting ---	1,897.50
Balance under Article 23 of 1954 Annual Meeting ---	4,277.54
Balance under Article 30 of 1954 Annual Meeting ..	9,327.50

and that said total sum be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for sewer main extension in certain streets and ways as petitioned for by abutters and for various intercepting sewers in private lands under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by a transfer from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Account or from other available funds, from the current tax levy or by borrowing, or by two or more of said means, and if in any part by borrowing whether said borrowing shall be in whole or in part outside the legal debt limit in accordance with a vote of authorization by the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on March 14, 1952, and under authority of Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1953; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Stewart moved that the subject matter of Article 29 be postponed until Wednesday evening. It was so voted.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$3,500.00 be appropriated for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to assume liability in the manner prescribed by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapters 516 and 524, Acts of 1950, for all damages to property suffered by any person by any taking of land, or of any right, interest or easement therein in connection with work to be performed by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of the Hurd Brook area in the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, and authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town assume liability in the manner prescribed by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapters 516 and 524, Acts of 1950, for all damages to property suffered by any person by any taking of land, or of any right, interest or easement therein in connection with work to be performed by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of the Hurd Brook area of the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws; and that the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will authorize the installation of street lights in the following private ways as petitioned for by abutters: Sterling, Ware, Border, Elmwood, Spring, Longacre and Old Farm Roads; Avery, Abbott and Winfield Streets; and Lexington Avenue; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400.00 for the purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$400.00 be appropriated for the installation of street lights in the following private ways as petitioned for by abutters: Sterling, Ware, Border, Elmwood, Spring, Longacre and Old Farm Roads; Avery, Abbott and Winfield Streets; and Lexington Avenue; and that said installation be and the same hereby is specifically authorized.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

Kenney Street, Barbara Road, Lois Lane, Bess Road, Nardone Road, Deerfield Road, Barrett Street, DeFrancesco Circle, Dogwood Lane and a portion of Taylor Street from the 1940 Town layout northeasterly about 910 feet; including the taking or acceptance of easements for sewer and drainage purposes, as shown on said plans; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town accept the following streets or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

Kenney Street, Barbara Road, Lois Lane, Bess Road, Nardone Road, Deerfield Road, Barrett Street, DeFrancesco Circle, Dogwood Lane, and a portion of Taylor Street from the 1940 Town layout northeasterly about 910 feet; and that said acceptance include the taking or acceptance of easements for sewer and drainage purposes, as shown on said plans.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets, or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

Arch Street from Hillcrest Road to Woodledge Road, Rae Avenue, Pine Grove Street from Lester Street to Greenough Street, Ardmore Street and portions of Grasmere Road and Taylor Street from Hunnewell Street to School property, Elmwood Road from Great Plain Avenue to the 1949 lay-out, Fairfield Street, Harding Road, Overlook Road, Roscoe Street, and Spring Road; determine whether both Ardmore Street and that part of Grasmere Road above referred to shall be renamed Ardmore Road; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$80,000.00 for the original construction thereof, including bituminous concrete sidewalks, laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised; whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Myron E. Smith offered the following substitute motion which did not pass.

MOVED: That the Town accept the following streets or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk.

Arch Street from Hillcrest Road to Woodledge Road, Rae Avenue, Pine Grove Street from Lester Street to Greenough Street, Ardmore Street and portions of Grasmere Road and Taylor Street from Hunnewell Street to the Town-owned Highland Park School property, Elmwood Road from Great Plain Avenue to the 1949 lay-out, Fairfield Street, Harding Road, Overlook Road and Roscoe Street; that Ardmore Street and that part of Grasmere Road above referred to be re-named Ardmore Road; that the sum of \$64,000.00 be appropriated for the original construction of said streets or parts of streets, including bituminous concrete sidewalks, laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, that said total sum be raised as follows; from the current tax levy the sum of \$15,000.00, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$49,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor payable in not more than ten years in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended; and that said total sum be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

it was

VOTED: That the Town accept the following streets or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

Arch Street from Hillcrest Road to Woodledge Road, Rae Avenue, Pine Grove Street from Lester Street to Greenough Street, Ardmore Street and portions of Grasmere Road and Taylor Street from Hunnewell Street to the Town-owned Highland Park School property, Elmwood Road from Great Plain Avenue to the 1949 lay-out, Fairfield Street, Harding Road, Overlook Road, Roscoe Street and Spring Road; that Ardmore Street and that part of Grasmere Road above referred to shall be re-named Ardmore Road, that the sum of \$75,000.00 be appropriated for the original construction of said streets or parts of streets, including bituminous concrete sidewalks, laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; that said total sum be raised as follows; from the current tax levy the sum of \$15,000.00, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name

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and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$60,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor payable in not more than ten years in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended; and that said total sum be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000.00 for water main replacements or improvements as recommended by the Public Works Department; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Hunter moved that this Article be taken up Wednesday evening and it was so voted.

On March 21, 1955 at 10:56 o'clock, P.M., it was voted to adjourn the meeting to March 23rd, 1955 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk.

Attest:

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 23, 1955

Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 21, 1955, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Junior High School on Wednesday, March 23, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Check lists were used and 444 voters were checked on the lists as being present. There were 232 Town Meeting Members present.

Rev. Thomas H. Kennedy opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Stewart moved for reconsideration of Article 27.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$80,000.00 for the installation of storm water drains in private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town and for extending the storm water drainage system in or connecting it with the existing storm water drainage system in public ways as proposed by the Public Works Department; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Stewart offered the following motion.

MOVED: That the sum of \$75,000.00 be appropriated for the installation of storm water drains in private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town and for extending the storm water drainage system in or connecting it with the existing storm water drainage system in public ways, as follows:

Spring Road, Fairfield Street, Hillside Avenue (bordering Cricket Field), Colonial Road, Central Avenue (vicinity of Marsilli's), Kendrick Street (3rd Avenue to outlet), Parker and Lexington Roads (Virginia Road to Richdale Road), Highland Avenue (vicinity of Mellen Street), Beaufort and Wyoming Avenues and Arden Street, Richdale Road, Arch Street, Ardmore and Taylor Streets, Great Plain Avenue at Harris Avenue, Nevada Road at Greendale Avenue, High Rock Street (Robinwood Avenue to Birchwood Road), Wachusett Road (from Mt. Vernon Avenue), Clarke Circle (to Brookside Road), Manning Street, and Rosemary Street (at Beach).

that of said total the amount of \$15,000.00 be raised from the current tax levy and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$60,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor payable in not more than twenty years in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended; and that said total sum be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Mr. Hunter then offered the following substitute motion which was accepted.

VOTED: That the sum of \$60,000.00 be appropriated for storm water drains of which \$15,000.00 shall be included in the tax levy and \$45,000.00 appropriated from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for sewer main extension in certain streets and ways as petitioned for by abutters and for various intercepting sewers in private lands under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by a transfer from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Account or from other available funds, from the current tax levy or by borrowing, or by two or more of said means, and if in any part by borrowing whether said borrowing shall be in whole or in part outside the legal debt limit in accordance with a vote of authorization by the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on March 14, 1952, and under authority of Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1953; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 29 was presented at this time and it was

VOTED: That the sum of \$110,405.66 be appropriated for sewer main extension in certain streets and ways as petitioned for by abutters and for various intercepting sewers in private lands under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; that said sum be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Account; and that said sum be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000.00 for water main replacements or improvements as recommended by the Public Works Department; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$50,000.00 be appropriated from the current tax levy for water main replacements or improvements, as recommended by the Public Works Department, the same to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Town Garage Committee to study the needs of the Public Works Department for housing equipment and related matters; raise and appropriate a sum of money for use of such committee in obtaining plans, specifications and estimates of cost; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Francis Coburn, as secretary of the committee to study "Special Park and Recreation Areas" reported his committee as opposed to any further use of Norris Farm Land until the planning committee has completed their survey.

VOTED: That the substance of this article be referred to the Selectmen as Commissioners of Public Works for their study and report, with recommendations, not later than the 1956 Annual Town Meeting; and that the Selectmen may, in their discretion, appoint a committee of citizens to assist them in such study and report.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a portable gasoline powered pump for use at the water pumping stations in case of a general electrical power failure or other emergency, as recommended by the Town Water Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for the purchase of a portable gasoline powered pump for use at the water pumping stations in case of a general electrical power failure or other emergency.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to record itself in favor of the recommendations of the Town Water Committee that the Rules and Regulations of the Water Department be amended by the Water Commissioner in the following respects:

1. By providing in Section 4 that all service piping will be installed from the street main to the inside of the cellar wall with all necessary shut-offs, valves and fittings, at the expense of the water taker.

2. By providing in Section 7 that private fire service pipes, hydrants or sprinkler systems may be installed at the owner's expense and that there shall be an annual charge of \$10.00 per riser on all sprinkler valves.

3. By providing in Section 12 that the Water Department will furnish one $\frac{5}{8}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter on each water service, and that if a larger meter is required the owner shall pay the Town the difference between the cost of the meter that is required and the cost of a $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter.

4. By providing in Section 13, that a charge of \$3.00 will be made for each service call.

5. By providing in Section 14 for a charge of \$3.00 rather than \$1.00 for turning off and on the water in cases where service is shut off for non-payment of water rates.

6. By providing in Section 15 for the following schedule of Water Rates per six-month billing period.

\$5.00 minimum charge allows the use of 1250 cubic feet of water

.25 per 100 cubic feet for next 8,750 cubic feet

.20 per 100 cubic feet for next 90,000 cubic feet

.13 per 100 cubic feet for next 100,000 cubic feet

.12 per 100 cubic feet for all water in excess of 200,000 cubic feet;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. J. Samuel Slicer, Jr., offered the following substitute motion which did not pass.

MOVED: That the Town record itself in favor of the recommendations of the Town Water Committee that the Rules and Regulations of the Water Department be amended by the Water Commissioners in the six respects set forth in this article with the exception of the recommendation in paragraph numbered 2 in the article expressed in the words "and that there shall be an annual charge of \$10.00 per riser on all sprinkler valves," and that said Committee be continued to the 1956 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of further study and report to the Town on the charge which should be made for risers on sprinkler valves.

Yes 81 — No 138

it was

VOTED: That the Town record itself in favor of the recommendations of the Town Water Committee that the Rules and Regulations of the Water Department be amended by the Water Commissioners in the six respects set forth in this article.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to confirm the action of the Town Water Committee, established by vote under Article 29 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, in initiating the filing of a bill with the General Court for a legislative study in connection with the abandonment of water lands; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Chalmers H. Peairs offered the following substitute motion which carried.

VOTED: That the special Town Water Committee's initiation of a legislative study of the Newton-Brookline Water Lands be approved, and that Needham's representatives in the General Court be requested to take appropriate action to insure that this legislative study includes in its scope specifically the possibility of acquisition of the Newton Water Lands by the Metropolitan District Commission for park purposes, as well as action for the appropriation of state funds for such acquisition of these lands if recommended by the legislative study commission.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for improving brooks and adjacent swamp areas to provide for the proper run-off of storm water from the Town's drainage system; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for improving brooks and adjacent swamp areas to provide for the proper run-off of storm water from the Town's drainage system.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey for not less than a specified sum a parcel of land on the easterly side of the former Circumferential State Highway, bounded and described as follows:

Westerly 212.0 feet by the former Circumferential State Highway as layed out in 1931, altered in 1948 and layed out as a Town Way in 1953;

Northerly 106.34 feet by land now or formerly of the Morschner Dye Works, Inc.;

Easterly about 205. feet, more or less, by the Charles River;

Southerly 30 feet, more or less by other land of the Town of Needham;

Containing 13,800 square feet, more or less, according to a plan dated January 4, 1955, and being the northerly portion of land transferred to the Town of Needham by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1948;

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town convey to Morschner Dye Works, Inc., for the sum of \$2,000.00 the Town-owned land on the easterly side of the former Circumferential State Highway, bounded and described as follows:

Westerly 212.0 feet by the former Circumferential State Highway as layed out in 1931, altered in 1948 and layed out as a Town Way in 1953;

Northerly 106.34 feet by land now or formerly of the Morschner Dye Works, Inc.;

Easterly about 205. feet, more or less, by the Charles River;

Southerly 30 feet, more or less by other land of the Town of Needham;

Containing 13,800 square feet, more or less, according to a plan dated January 4, 1955, and being the northerly portion of land transferred to the Town of Needham by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1948;

and that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to execute, in the name and on behalf of the Town, the necessary deed to effect such conveyance.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to abandon and discontinue a drain easement granted by William H. Carter to Inhabitants of the Town of Needham among other grants by instrument dated June 4, 1934, recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book #2029, Page 346, by reason of relocation and substitution of sewer and drain easement granted by William H. Carter to the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham by instrument dated March 19, 1951, and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book #2996, Page 31, and shown on plan filed therewith; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town abandon and discontinue a drain easement granted by William H. Carter to Inhabitants of Town of Needham among other grants by instrument dated June 4, 1934, recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 2029, Page 346, by reason of relocation and substitution of sewer and drain easement granted by William H. Carter to Inhabitants of Town of Needham by instrument dated March 19, 1951, recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 2996, Page 31; and that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered in the name and on behalf of the Town to execute and deliver such instrument as is necessary to effect such abandonment and discontinuance.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,248.47 for the payment of outstanding charges against Town-owned land, as follows:

Sewer charge — Town water land, Beech Street and Hampton Avenue	\$2,675.12
Street betterment — Wyoming Avenue at rear of Harris School	435.85
Balance 1954 real estate taxes on land acquired by Town in 1954, assessed to Needham National Bank for land taken for street widening	137.50

as recommended by the Town Treasurer; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$3,248.47 be appropriated for the payment of outstanding charges against Town-owned land as follows:

Sewer charge, Town water land, Beech Street and Hampton Avenue	2,675.12
Street betterment, Wyoming Avenue at rear of Harris School	435.85
Balance 1954 real estate taxes on land acquired by Town in 1954, assessed to Needham National Bank	137.50

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Rosemary Street, as recommended by the Trustees of Needham Public Library; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated for the installation of a pedestrian light at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Rosemary Street.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Webster Street, with a means of operating same from the Needham Heights Fire Station; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$5,200.00 be appropriated for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Webster Street, with a means of operating same from the Needham Heights Fire Station.

It was voted to postpone Article 46 until after Article 48.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to convey to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, for the purposes of a new station at Bird's Hill, and a parking area adjacent thereto, a parcel of land on the Northerly side of the Needham Branch of said Railroad's right-of-way, Southwesterly from Great Plain Avenue, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northerly line of the Railroad right-of-way on the Southerly side of Great Plain Avenue, thence running Northwesterly by Great Plain Avenue 325 feet; thence running Southwesterly 280 feet; thence running Westerly 75 feet by a line 40 feet Northerly from and parallel to said Northerly line of the Railroad right-of-way, thence Southerly 40 feet to the Northerly line of the Railroad right-of-way; and thence Easterly by said Railroad right-of-way 510 feet to the point of beginning. Containing approximately 1.3 acres;

in exchange for a parcel of land containing approximately 1.8 acres owned by said Railroad and located on the Southerly side of said Railroad right-of-way, said latter parcel being described in deed dated March 27, 1917, recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 1386, Page 364, and subject to the County Relocation of Great Plain Avenue in 1930, and easements of record, if any; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the development of and the construction of approaches, roads, sidewalks and public parking facilities in, the Town-owned land bounded:

Northwesterly by Harris Avenue;

Northeasterly by Great Plain Avenue;

Westerly by land of other owners; and

Southerly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad right-of-way;

and authorize the use of so much of said area in connection with the proposed new Railroad Station at Bird's Hill as the Selectmen deem necessary for said purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Stewart asked unanimous consent to discuss Articles 47 and 48 together and it was so voted.

Mr. Stewart offered the following motions:

MOVED: That the Town convey to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, for the purposes of a new station at Bird's Hill, and a parking area adjacent thereto, a parcel of land on the Northerly side of the Needham Branch of said Railroad's right-of-way, Southwesterly from Great Plain Avenue, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northerly line of the Railroad right-of-way on the Southerly side of Great Plain Avenue, thence running Northwesterly by Great Plain Avenue 325 feet; thence running Southwesterly 280 feet; thence running Westerly 75 feet by a line 40 feet Northerly from and parallel to said Northerly line of the Railroad right-of-way, thence Southerly 40 feet to the Northerly line of the Railroad right-of-way; and thence Easterly by said Railroad right-of-way 510 feet to the point of beginning. Containing approximately 1.3 acres;

in exchange for a parcel of land containing approximately 1.8 acres owned by said Railroad and located on the Southerly side of said Railroad right-of-way, said latter parcel being described in deed dated March 27, 1917, recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 1386, Page 364, and subject to County Relocation of Great Plain Avenue in 1930, and easements of record, if any; and that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to execute the necessary deed to effect such conveyance to the Railroad and to accept a deed of the Railroad's land to the Town, said deeds to be delivered simultaneously.

MOVED: That the sum of \$4,850.00 be appropriated for the construction of roadways and sidewalks in the Town-owned land bounded Northwesterly by Harris Avenue, Northeasterly by Great Plain Avenue, Westerly by land of other owners and Southerly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad right-of-way; that the Selectmen be authorized to designate and use in connection with the proposed new Railroad Station at Bird's Hill so much of the above-described land as they deem necessary for said purposes; and that said construction be under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Mr. Frykberg offered the following substitute motion which was accepted:

VOTED: That the substance of these articles be referred to a committee of five members, to be appointed by the Moderator, which committee is hereby established; that said committee be instructed to make a study of the subject-matter and to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 46 was taken up at this time.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into an agreement with Needham Golf Club, amending the existing lease of Town-owned land between the Town and said Club in the following respects:

1. By removing from the operation of said lease so much of the area of land, consisting of eleven acres, more or less, bounded Northwesterly by Harris Avenue, Northeasterly by Great Plain Avenue, Westerly by land of other owners and Southerly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad right-of-way as, in the discretion of the Selectmen, shall be necessary for the location of a new railroad station at Bird's Hill and for necessary approaches thereto.

2. By adding to the land area included within the operation of said lease the two parcels of Town-owned land bounded and described as follows:

Parcel 1. (Needham Water Lands)

Beginning at the Westerly corner of land owned by the Needham Golf Club; thence Easterly 161.04 feet; thence Southerly 668.48 feet; thence Southeasterly about 100 feet; thence Southwesterly about 190 feet; thence Southeasterly about 256 feet to South Street; thence Southwesterly about 340 feet by South Street to Dedham Avenue; thence Northwesterly by Dedham Avenue 210 feet; thence at right angles to Dedham Avenue and Northeasterly about 270 feet

to the Reservoir; thence Northeasterly, Northerly and Northwesterly by said Reservoir about 390 feet; thence Northeasterly about 750 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 5.6 acres, more or less.

Parcel 2.

Beginning at a point at the Southerly corner of the Norris Farm, so-called, at Dedham Avenue, Northwesterly by Dedham Avenue 825 feet; thence at right angles and running Northeasterly 795 feet; thence at right angles and running Northwesterly 305 feet; thence Westerly about 170 feet; thence Southwesterly 655 feet by a line 400 feet Northwesterly from and parallel to the 795 foot line above; thence Northwesterly by Dedham Avenue about 645 feet to Town of Needham Park Land; thence Northeasterly about 297.95 feet; thence Northerly about 45 feet to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; thence Easterly by said Railroad about 1460 feet; thence Southerly about 1715 feet by the Easterly line of the Norris Farm so-called to the point of beginning; containing about 29. acres, more or less, and subject to easements of record.

3. By increasing the term of said lease, now written for a term of ten years from May 1, 1948, to a term of twenty years from said May 1, 1948; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Francis Coburn, as secretary of the "Special Park and Recreation Areas" committee wished to be recorded as not in favor of disposing of any town-owned land at this time. The motion did not carry.

MOVED: That the Selectmen be authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into an agreement with Needham Golf Club, amending the existing lease of Town-owned land between the Town and said Club in the following respects:

1. By removing from the operation of said lease so much of the area of land, consisting of eleven acres, more or less, bounded Northwesterly by Harris Avenue, Northeasterly by Great Plain Avenue, Westerly by land of other owners and Southerly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad right-of-way as, in the discretion of the Selectmen, shall be necessary for the location of a new railroad station at Bird's Hill and for necessary approaches thereto.

2. By adding to the land area included within the operation of said lease the two parcels of Town-owned land bounded and described as follows:

Parcel 1. (Needham Water Lands)

Beginning at the Westerly corner of land owned by the Needham Golf Club; thence Easterly 161.04 feet; thence Southerly 668.48 feet; thence Southeasterly about 100 feet; thence Southwesterly about 190 feet; thence Southeasterly about 256 feet to South Street; thence Southwesterly about 340 feet by South Street to Dedham Avenue; thence Northwesterly by Dedham Avenue 210 feet; thence at right angles to Dedham Avenue and Northeasterly about 270 feet to the Reservoir; thence Northeasterly, Northerly and Northwesterly by said Reservoir about 390 feet; thence Northeasterly about 750 feet to the point of beginning; containing about 5.6 acres, more or less.

Parcel 2.

Beginning at a point at the Southerly corner of the Norris Farm, so-called, at Dedham Avenue, Northwesterly by Dedham Avenue 825 feet; thence at right angles and running Northeasterly 795 feet; thence at right angles and running Northwesterly 305 feet; thence Westerly about 170 feet; thence Southwesterly 655 feet by a line 400 feet Northwesterly from and parallel to the 795 foot line above; thence Northwesterly by Dedham Avenue about 645 feet to Town of Needham Park Land; thence Northeasterly about 297.95 feet;

thence Northerly about 45 feet to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; thence Easterly by said Railroad about 1460 feet; thence Southerly about 1715 feet by the Easterly line of the Norris Farm so-called to the point of beginning; containing about 29. acres, more or less, and subject to easements of record.

3. By increasing the term of said lease, now written for a term of ten years from May 1, 1948, to a term of twenty years from said May 1, 1948.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to name the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in behalf of the Town of Needham on July 21, 1953 under authority of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1948 from Central Avenue northwesterly over what was St. Mary Street, Daly Place, and a portion of Carter Street and Leonard Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in behalf of the Town of Needham on July 21, 1953, under authority of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1948 from Central Avenue northwesterly over what was St. Mary Street, Daly Place and a portion of Carter and Leonard Street be named St. Mary Street.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to name the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works over what was Hunting Road from Highland Avenue easterly, Hunting Road extension and the present Route 128, sometimes called Reservoir Street to Greendale Avenue; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works over what was Hunting Road from Highland Avenue easterly, Hunting Road extension and the present Route 128, sometimes called Reservoir Street to Greendale Avenue be named Hunting Road.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to name the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works from opposite Hunting Road on Highland Avenue northwesterly across the Railroad and thence over what was Gould Street to Central Avenue; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works from opposite Hunting Road on Highland Avenue northwesterly across the Railroad and thence over what was Gould Street to Central Avenue be named Gould Street.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to name the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works from Central Avenue southeasterly over a portion of the present Route 128 (sometimes known as Reservoir Street) to and including Riverview Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works from Central Avenue southeasterly over a portion of the present Route 128 (sometimes known as Reservoir Street) to and including Riverview Street be named Reservoir Street.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to name the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works from Crawford Street, southeasterly to Station Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works from Crawford Street southeasterly to Station Street be named Crawford Street.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to name the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works from Sterling Road easterly to Valley Road; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the way or ways laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works from Sterling Road easterly to Valley Road be named Valley Road.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to ratify, approve and confirm the action of the Board of Selectmen in executing, on behalf of and in the name of the Town, under date of December 1, 1954, a lease to the United States of America, said lease granting an easement and rights for a masking area over a parcel of land owned by the Town off Dwight Road, Needham, referred to as Parcel One: Tract No. F-602-1, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of land of the Town at land of Babson Institute, said corner having coordinates of North 469,487.61 East 666,324.60 in the Massachusetts Coordinate System; thence by land of Babson Institute North 00°47'15" West 130 feet, more or less, and North 72°30' East 285 feet, more or less, to a point; thence South 42°14'48" West through land of the Town 307 feet, more or less, to the parcel hereinafter referred to as Parcel Two: Tract No. F-602-2; thence North 82°16'36" West by said Tract F-602-2, 65 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning;

Containing 0.66 acres, more or less; and said lease granting an easement and rights for an access road and utilities in, over, and under a parcel of land owned by the Town off Dwight Road, Needham, referred to as Parcel Two: Tract No. F-602-2, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of land of the Town at land of Babson Institute and at the Southwesterly corner of the above described Tract No. F-602-1, said corner having coordinates of North 469,487.61 East 666,324.60 in the Massachusetts Coordinate System; thence South 72°33'13" East by land of Babson Institute 472.65 feet to the Southwesterly corner of land, now or formerly of John N. Day; thence through land of the Town North 64°33'12" West 260.0 feet and North 82°16'36" West 218.32 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing 0.20 acres, more or less;
or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town ratify, approve and confirm the action of the Board of Selectmen in executing, on behalf of and in the name of the Town, under date of December 1, 1954, a lease to the United States of America, said lease granting an easement and rights for a masking area over a parcel of land owned by the Town off Dwight Road, Needham, referred to as Parcel One; Tract No. F-602-1, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of land of the Town at land of Babson Institute, said corner having coordinates of North 469,487.61 East 666,324.60 in the Massachusetts Coordinate System; thence by land of Babson Institute North 00°47'15" West 130 feet, more or less, and North 72°30' East 285 feet, more or less, to a point; thence South 42°14'48" West through land of the Town 307 feet, more or less, to the parcel hereinafter referred to as Parcel Two: Tract No. F-602-2; thence North 82°16'36" West by said Tract F-602-2, 65 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning;

Containing 0.66 acres, more or less; and said lease granting an easement and rights for an access road and utilities in, over, and under a parcel of land owned by the Town off Dwight Road, Needham, referred to as Parcel Two: Tract No. F-602-2, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of land of the Town at land of Babson Institute and at the Southwesterly corner of the above described Tract No. F-602-1. said corner having coordinates of North 469,487.61 East 666,324.60 in the Massachusetts Coordinate System; thence South 72°38'13" East by land of Babson Institute 472.65 feet to the Southwesterly corner of land, now or formerly of John N. Day; thence through land of the Town North 64°33'12" West 260.0 feet and North 82°16'36" West 218.32 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing 0.20 acres, more or less;

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,500.00 for improvements to the play area, playground and accesses to the Broad Meadow School; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$5,500.00 be appropriated for improvements to the play area, playground and accesses at the Broad Meadow School, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$6,000.00 for improvements to the Dwight School playground; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$6,000.00 be appropriated for improvements to the Dwight School playground, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvement of the town-owned Cricket Field; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated for improvement of the Town-owned Cricket Field, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Recreation Committee.

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of an addition to the present Junior High School building and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said addition; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the current tax levy, or by borrowing, or by two or more of said means, and if in any part by borrowing whether under authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, as amended, or under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950 and any other acts amending the same, or both; and how said sum shall be expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Hamburger offered a second motion under this article which was as follows:

MOVED: That the committee established by this Town Meeting to supervise the construction of said addition to the present Junior High School building be instructed to confer with the Finance Committee and the School Committee relative to the reconstruction of the present Junior High School building to make it fit in with the new addition, and to the cost of such reconstruction; and that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations relative to said reconstruction not later than the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee offered the following substitute motion.

MOVED: That the Future School Needs Committee be hereby directed to undertake further studies directed towards an efficient and economical solution of the school housing problem in grades 7 to 12.

That the Future Needs Committee be further authorized to employ such assistance as it deems necessary to accomplish the above purposes and to obtain such preliminary sketches of proposed facilities as the Committee may deem necessary.

That the Future School Needs Committee be directed to report to a Town Meeting not later than October 31, 1955 and that the sum of \$10,000. be appropriated for the purposes of said Committee.

At this time the members of the Future School Needs Committee brought out the fact that they have other immediate commitments and felt that they would not have the necessary time to put in to this study.

The following substitute motion was offered by Mr. Granberg.

MOVED: That the Town refer the substance of Article 59 to a Junior High School Study Committee, to be appointed one member each by the School Committee, the Finance Committee, the Future School Needs Committee, the Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Taxpayers Association, the Public School Association and two members by the Moderator. Preferably Committee members should have served on previous committees which have completed schools. The committee is directed to study, but is not limited to, the following:

1. To determine from the School Committee whether a two year or a three year Junior High School is the more desirable from an educational viewpoint.

2. To obtain from the School Committee the Junior High School educational facilities desired and to study the necessity for such facilities.

3. To confer with the Future School Needs Committee regarding the locations most desirable for a second Junior High School.

4. To obtain and report on methods of reducing school building costs, such as has been done in other towns such as Braintree, Massachusetts and Darien, Connecticut, with the objective of obtaining additional secondary school capacity at less than the \$2,200 per pupil average cost of State Aided secondary schools.

5. To obtain alternative preliminary plans and estimates for a Junior High School addition and for a new Junior High School, such plans to provide for immediate needs, and to report the advantages, the disadvantages and their recommendation regarding each alternative plan in relationship to further additional capacity as required, and to make such report to the Town not later than November 1, 1955.

For the above purposes the sum of \$10,000 is appropriated.

A discussion of this second substitute motion followed. Mr. Dolan for the School Committee offered a third substitute motion.

MOVED: That a committee be established, to consist of nine members, one to be appointed by the Selectmen, one to appointed by the School Committee, one to be appointed by the Planning Board, one to be appointed by the Finance Committee, one to be appointed by the Needham Taxpayers' Association, one to be appointed by the Public School Association, and three, of whom one shall be an experienced builder and one or more of whom shall be members of the Future School Needs Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator; that all or any of the members of the committee established by vote under Article 48 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting may be appointed to said new committee; that said new committee be instructed to make a study of the feasibility of building a new Junior High School building, to take options on suitable land for such building and/or to recommend the use of land presently owned by the Town as a site for said building, to procure preliminary plans for such a building and to report to a Town Meeting to be held not later than September 1955, with its recommendations; and that the sum of \$15,000.00 be appropriated for the use of said committee for said purposes.

After this motion had been discussed the Finance Committee asked for and obtained the unanimous consent to withdraw their substitute motion #1. They then presented a new substitute motion which after debate was accepted and it was

VOTED: That a committee of 5 members be appointed by the Moderator to undertake further studies directed towards an efficient and economical solution of the school housing problem in grades 7 to 12 inclusive.

This Committee is further authorized to employ such assistance as it deems necessary to accomplish the above purposes, and to obtain such preliminary sketches of proposed facilities as it may deem necessary.

This Committee is directed to report to a Town Meeting not later than October 31, 1955 and the sum of \$10,000. is granted and appropriated for the purposes of said Committee.

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to establish a building committee, or to constitute the present committee of nine members established under Article 48 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting as a building committee; authorize and direct said committee to supervise the construction and the original equipping and furnishing of the addition to the Junior High School building referred to in the preceding article of this warrant; authorize said committee to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; authorize and direct said committee to take any action necessary to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of constructing said addition and originally equipping and furnishing the same, under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or any other applicable statutes; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That this article be dismissed.

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of an addition to the present Harris School building and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said addition; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the current tax levy or by borrowing, or by two or more of said means, and if in any part by borrowing whether under authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, as amended, or under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950 and any other acts amending the same, or both; and how said sum shall be expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the construction of an addition to the present Harris School building and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said addition, in accordance with the recommendations of the committee established by vote under Article 43 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; that the sum of \$105,000.00 be raised and appropriated for said construction, including necessary plans, specifications, working drawings and architects' fees, and for said original equipment and furnishings; that the sum of \$15,000.00 be raised from the current tax levy and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$90,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in not more than twenty years, under the authority of and in accordance with Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950 and any other acts amending the same.

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote to establish a building committee, or to constitute the present committee established under Article 43 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting as a building committee; authorize and direct said committee to supervise the construction and the original equipping and furnishing of the addition to the Harris School building referred to in the preceding article of this warrant; authorize said committee to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; authorize and direct said committee to take any action necessary to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of constructing said addition and originally equipping and furnishing the same, under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended; or any other applicable statutes; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That a committee of five members be established, to consist of the three members of the committee established under Article 43 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, plus two additional members of which one shall be designated by the Finance Committee and one shall be appointed by the Moderator; that said committee of five be constituted a building committee and be authorized and directed to supervise the construction and original equipping and furnishing of an addition to the present Harris School building referred to in Article 61 of this warrant; that said committee be authorized to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; that said committee be authorized and directed to take all action necessary under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended to obtain approval of said addition and of the original equipping and furnishing of the same from the School Building Assistance Commission of the Commonwealth and to obtain from the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth approval of the necessary borrowing for the same, and to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth for the cost of constructing said addition and originally equipping and furnishing the same, under the provisions of said Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, and any other applicable statutes.

At 10:55 P.M. it was voted that the meeting adjourn until Monday, March 28, 1955 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk.

Attest:

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 28, 1955

Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 23, 1955, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Junior High School on Monday, March 28, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Check lists were used and 417 voters were checked on the lists as being present. There were 226 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. Peter Beckman offered a prayer before the business meeting was opened.

ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Future School Needs Committee established by vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting and last continued by vote under Article 51 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; authorize and instruct said committee to undertake to obtain options in the name of the Town on lands suitable as building sites for a second Junior High School building and an additional elementary school building and to obtain advice relative to any such buildings; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the foregoing and other purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Future School Needs Committee, established by vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, be continued to the 1956 Annual Town Meeting for further study and report to the Town.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the construction of an equipment house on Memorial Park; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$15,000.00 be appropriated for the construction of an equipment house on Memorial Park, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Trustees of Memorial Park.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mr. Eberly asked unanimous consent to consider Article 65 after Article 68 had been voted. There was no objection and it was so voted.

Mr. Eberly asked unanimous consent to consider Articles 66, 67, 68 and 65 together and to speak on all of these articles at this time.

ARTICLE 66. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Board of Park Commissioners to consist of five members, each to serve for a term of three years, as provided in Chapter 45 of the General Laws, except that upon the first election of said members, two shall be elected to serve for terms of three years, two shall be elected to serve for terms of two years; and one shall be elected to serve for a term of one year, said Board to assume its duties following its election at the Annual Town Election in 1956; authorize the first election of members of said Board at said 1956 Annual Town Election; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 67. To see if the Town will vote to vest in the Board of Park Commissioners established by vote under the preceding article, the powers and duties relative to the conduct and promotion of play, sport, physical education and recreation as authorized in General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 14; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 68. To see if the Town will vote that upon the election and qualification of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners as provided in the second preceding article of this warrant, the present Recreation Commission shall be abolished; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 65. To see what action the Town will vote to take on the report of the Special Park and Recreational Committee established under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; continue said committee for further study and report; appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town Meeting gave their consent to this procedure, following which Mr. Eberly discussed the work of the Recreation Committee. Mr. Paul Richwagen and Mr. Hill also discussed this matter. When put to a vote the motion was carried and it was voted.

Under Article 66 it was **VOTED:** That a Board of Park Commissioners be established, to consist of five members, each of whom shall serve for a term of three years as provided in Chapter 45 of the General Laws, except that upon the first election of said members, two shall be elected to serve for terms of three years, two shall be elected to serve for terms of two years and one shall be elected to serve for a term of one year; that the first election of members of said Board shall be held at the Annual Town Election in 1956; and that said Board shall assume its duties following the election of its members at said Annual Town Election in 1956.

Under Article 67 it was **VOTED:** That the Town vest in the Board of Park Commissioners established by vote under Article 66 of this warrant, effective upon the election of the members of such Board at the Annual Town Election in 1956, the powers and duties relative to the conduct and promotion of play, sport, physical education and recreation authorized by General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 14.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Under Article 68 it was **VOTED:** That upon the election and qualification of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners as provided for in Article 66 of this warrant, the existing Recreation Commission and Recreation Committee, established by vote under Article 15 of the 1945 Annual Town Meeting, shall be abolished; and that all personnel employed by said Recreation Commission and said Recreation Committee, and all records and property theretofore held in the custody of said Commission and said Committee, shall thereupon come under the jurisdiction of said Board of Park Commissioners.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Under Article 65 it was **VOTED:** That the Special Park and Recreation Committee established under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting be continued until the 1956 Annual Town Meeting for further study and report to the Town.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 69. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing Parcel 1, hereinafter described, from a single residence and general residence district to a business district, and Parcel 2, hereinafter described from a single residence district to a business district.

Parcel 1. The area bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by Hunting Road;

Northwesterly by Highland Avenue;

Northerly and *Northeasterly* by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as taken on July 21, 1953, for the layout of new Route 128;

Southerly by land of Alexander Marvin, shown as Lots 96, 95, 94, David Road, and Lots 93, 92 and 91, on plan filed in Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 189, Plan 1155 of 1954, a total of 515 feet more or less;

Southwesterly by Lots 90, 89 and 88 on said plan, 193.81 feet; and

Southeasterly by said Lot 88 as shown on said plan 228.04 feet.

Parcel 2. The area bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly and *Westerly* by "Access Road" so-called (which runs between Highland Avenue and Central Avenue);

Northwesterly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad;

Northeasterly, *Easterly* and *Northerly* by the present business district;

Southeasterly by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as taken July 21, 1953, for the layout of the new Route 128; and

Southeasterly by Highland Avenue;

or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town Meeting Members voted that non-voters be allowed to speak for ten minutes on this article.

Mr. Ryerson offered the following substitute motion.

MOVED: That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing Parcel 1, hereinafter described, from a single residence and general residence district to a business district, and Parcel 2, hereinafter described, from a single residence district to a business district.

Parcel 1. The area bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by Hunting Road;

Northwesterly by Highland Avenue;

Northerly and *Northeasterly* by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as taken on July 21, 1953, for the layout of new Route 128;

Southerly by land of Alexander Marvin, shown as Lots 96, 95, 94, David Road, and Lots 93, 92 and 91, on plan filed in Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 189, Plan 1155 of 1954, a total of 515 feet more or less;

Southwesterly by Lots 90, 89 and 88 on said plan, 193.81 feet; and

Southeasterly by said Lot 88 as shown on said plan 228.04 feet.

Parcel 2. The area bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly and *Westerly* by "Access Road" so-called (which runs between Highland Avenue and Central Avenue);

Northwesterly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad;

Northeasterly, *Easterly* and *Northerly* by the present business district;

Southeasterly by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as taken July 21, 1953, for the layout of the new Route 128; and

Southeasterly by Highland Avenue.

Mr. Ryerson introduced Mr. McGonigle, representing the A & P stores. The Moderator stated that Town Meeting Members must be recognized first. A lengthy discussion followed as to the advisability of re-zoning both parcels of land at this time. When put to a vote the substitute motion did not prevail.

Yes 18 — No 186

The original motion which provided for re-zoning of parcel 2 only was then presented by Mr. Wile for the Planning Board.

MOVED: That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a single residence to a business district the area of land bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly and *Westerly* by "Access Road" so-called (which runs between Highland Avenue and Central Avenue);

Northwesterly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad;

Northeasterly, *Easterly* and *Northerly* by the present business district;

Southeasterly by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as taken July 21, 1953, for the layout of the new Route 128; and

Southeasterly by Highland Avenue.

This motion was also defeated

Yes 57 — No 148

ARTICLE 70. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a general residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Bounded southeasterly by Hill Road and extension of northwesterly sideline of Hill Road; southwesterly by the present manufacturing district; northwesterly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; and northeasterly by the Charles River; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 71. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a general residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham on Charles Street lying between the northeast sideline of Charles Street and the Charles River and between the southwest sideline of Charles Street and the present manufacturing and business district and extending along Charles Street from the present business district which abuts on Highland Avenue to the northwesterly sideline of Hill Road and the extension of that line to the Charles River; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Dolan asked unanimous consent to speak on Article 70 and 71 together. This permission was given.

Under Article 70 it was **VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a general residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Bounded southeasterly by Hill Road and extension of northwesterly sideline of Hill Road; southwesterly by the present manufacturing district; northwesterly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; and northeasterly by the Charles River.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Under Article 71 it was **VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a general residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham on Charles Street lying between the northeast sideline of Charles Street and the Charles River and between the southwest sideline of Charles Street and the present manufacturing and business district and extending along Charles Street from the present business district which abuts on Highland Avenue to the northwesterly sideline of Hill Road and the extension of that line to the Charles River.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 72. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on northwesterly side of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad (Woonsocket Branch) and the southerly corner of the present manufacturing district, near the Circumferential State Highway;

Thence running northerly and bounded easterly by the present manufacturing district that is northwesterly of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and south of Kearney Road;

Thence running westerly and bounded northerly by Kearney Road;

Thence running northerly and bounded easterly by Gould Street, about 250 feet;

Thence S 53°30'55" W about 75 feet;

Thence N 37°45'57" W 360.19 feet;

Thence N 86°19'32" W 452.39 feet;

Thence S 64°15'36" W 134.70 feet;

Thence S 21°14'54" E 234.59 feet;

Thence S 50°31'06" W 350 feet;

Thence southeasterly about 725 feet, more or less, to the north-easterly corner of land now or formerly of Daniel J. and Edith Callahan;

Thence southwesterly by land now or formerly of said Callahan about 240 feet, more or less;

Thence southwesterly by land now or formerly of said Callahan about 315 feet, more or less;

Thence southeasterly by land now or formerly of Patrick F. and Mabel M. Hegarty and an extension of their rear property line about 730 feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Cannessa;

Thence easterly by land now or formerly of Cannessa to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad;

Thence northeasterly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad about 805 feet, more or less, to the present manufacturing district;

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That this article be dismissed.

ARTICLE 73. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Laws by striking out the present Section 20B thereof, captioned "side-line Setback", and by inserting in place thereof a new Section 20B to read as follows:

"Section 20B. Side-line Setback. No part of any dwelling hereafter erected on a lot of land within a residence or institutional district located in Zones A and C within the Town shall be placed or constructed within fifteen feet of the sidelines of said lot. No part of any dwelling hereafter erected on a lot of land within a

residence or institutional district located in Zone B within the Town shall be placed or constructed within ten feet of the sidelines of said lot."

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town's Zoning By-Law be amended by striking out the present Section 20B thereof, captioned "Sideline Setback," and by inserting in place thereof a new Section 20B to read as follows:

"*Section 20B. Side-line Setback.* No part of any dwelling or institutional building hereafter erected on a lot of land within a residence or institutional district having a frontage of 100 feet or more shall be placed or constructed within 15 feet of the sidelines of said lot. No part of any dwelling or institutional building hereafter erected on a lot of land within a residence or institutional district having a frontage of less than 100 feet shall be placed or constructed within 10 feet of the sidelines of said lot."

Yes 184 — No 13

ARTICLE 74. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Law by adding thereto a new Section 20C, to read as follows:

Section 20C. No part of any building or structure hereafter erected on a lot of land within an area changed to business, or manufacturing after the effective date of this section shall be placed or constructed within twenty feet of the nearer exterior line of any way, public or private, upon which such lot of land abuts.

Where the rear or side lot line of any land in an area changed to a business or manufacturing district after the effective date of this section adjoins a residential district, no building or structure for business or manufacturing use shall be placed or constructed within fifty feet of the residential district boundary, and within said strip, which shall be suitably landscaped, there shall be no accessory use including parking or storage;

or take any other action relative thereto.

The following substitute motion by Mr. Arthur Godfrey did not carry.

MOVED: To Amend by substitution—

Section 20C. No part of any building or structure hereafter erected on a lot of land within an area changed to business or manufacturing after the effective date of this section shall be placed or constructed within twenty feet of the nearer exterior line of any way, public or private, upon which such lot of land abuts.

Where the rear or side lot line of any land in an area changed to a business or manufacturing district after the effective date of this section adjoins a residential district, no building or structure for business or manufacturing use shall be placed or constructed within fifty feet of the residential district boundary, and within said strip, which shall be suitably landscaped, there shall be no accessory use including storage, other than parking.

Yes 93 — No 95

The original motion was then presented and it was

VOTED: That the Town's Zoning By-Law be amended by adding thereto a new Section 20C to read as follows:

"*Section 20C.* No part of any building or structure hereafter erected on a lot of land within an area changed to business or manufacturing after the effective date of this section shall be placed or constructed within twenty feet of the nearer exterior line of any way, public or private, upon which such lot of land abuts.

"Where the rear or side lot line of any land in an area changed to a business or manufacturing district after the effective date of this section adjoins a residential district, no building or structure for business or manufacturing use shall be placed or constructed within fifty feet of the residential district boundary, and within said strip, which shall be suitably landscaped, there shall be no accessory use including parking or storage, except that the Board of Appeals may grant a special permit for fences, off-street parking or loading or service drives, subject to such terms and conditions as the Board shall impose after public hearing."

Yes 178 — No 5

ARTICLE 75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,500.00 for proper adornment of the Town Common at Christmastime in 1955; to authorize such sum to be administered by the Christmas Lighting Committee of the Needham Board of Trade, with the approval of the Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That this article be dismissed.

ARTICLE 76. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Union Health Committee originally established by vote under Article 60 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, and last continued by vote under Article 85 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, until the 1956 Annual Town Meeting, as recommended by said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Union Health Committee be continued until the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 77. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the fluoridation of water at the water stations in the Town in the year 1955, as recommended by the committee established under Article 84 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

It was voted that debate on this article be limited to one-half hour with not more than ten minutes to any town meeting member and not more than five minutes to any non-town meeting member. Mr. Teele presented the following motion and gave a detailed account of the study and research of the Fluoridation Committee during the past year.

MOVED: That the fluoridation of the Town's water supply be and it is hereby authorized and that the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for the fluoridation of water at the water stations in the Town in the year 1955, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Health.

Mr. Rising presented the following motion which did not carry.

MOVED: That the Board of Health be authorized and instructed to make available to the citizens of the Town information as to where sodium fluoride and sodium silico fluoride may be obtained in proper form for internal use by and at the option of the individual, and as to the approximate cost of the same.

Mr. Dolan raised a point of order, that Mr. Rising's substitute motion was not within the scope of the article. The chair ruled that it was in the best interests of the meeting to consider the information that was offered.

Mr. Hardy offered the following substitute motion and

it was

VOTED: That the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to petition the General Court for necessary legislative authority to place upon the official ballot at the Town's 1956 Annual Town Election for a referendum the question whether the voters are in favor of a fluoride supplementation of the Needham water supply.

Yes 130 — No 66

ARTICLE 78. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to petition the Probate Court for permission to make disposal of accrued interest from the Mary Virginia Hill trust fund in the following manner:

(1) to expend the sum of \$500 for permanent endowment of a cage for the use of animals from the Town of Needham at the Angell Memorial Hospital of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Boston, Massachusetts;

(2) to expend an amount annually which shall be the earnings of the sum remaining in the trust, said sum to be devoted through the school department to the purchase or rental of films or other teaching devices for the purpose of education in the fields of prevention of cruelty to animals or conservation of wildlife resources; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mrs. Anderson offered the following substitute motion which did not pass.

MOVED: That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to petition the Probate Court for permission to make disposal of interest from the Mary Virginia Hill trust fund in the following manner:

(1) To expend the sum of \$500.00 of presently accrued interest for the purchase of portable kennels or cages and suitable flooring for the same for the use of the Town's Dog Officer in the performance of his duties, such sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

(2) To expend an amount annually which shall be the earnings of the sum remaining in the trust, said sum to be devoted through the school department to the purchase or rental of films or other teaching devices for the purpose of education in the fields of prevention of cruelty to animals or conservation of wildlife resources.

it was

VOTED: That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to petition the Probate Court for permission to make disposal of interest from the Mary Virginia Hill trust fund in the following manner:

(1) To expend the sum of \$500.00 of presently accrued interest for permanent endowment of a cage for the use of animals from the Town of Needham at the Angell Memorial Hospital of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Boston, Massachusetts.

(2) To expend an amount annually which shall be the earnings of the sum remaining in the trust, said sum to be devoted through the school department to the purchase or rental of films or other teaching devices for the purpose of education in the fields of prevention of cruelty to animals or conservation of wildlife resources.

ARTICLE 79. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Charles River Lands Committee, established by vote under Article 51 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, and continued by vote under Article 86 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, until the 1956 Annual Town Meeting, to

instruct said committee to make a further study and report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1956 Annual Town Meeting; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Charles River Lands Committee be continued until the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 80. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Committee established by vote under Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting of June 15, 1953 and continued by vote under Article 83 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, to make a study of the overall problem of the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse in the Town, to the 1956 Annual Town Meeting; to instruct said committee to prepare a comprehensive plan and detailed estimate of cost of refuse and garbage collection; to instruct said committee to review the problem of refuse and garbage disposal and to recommend a site to be acquired for the future construction of a Town incinerator; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of said committee for the foregoing purposes; to instruct said committee to submit its further report with recommendations to the Town Meeting not later than the 1956 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Rubbish Collection Committee established by vote under Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting of June 15, 1953, be continued, that said committee be directed to draw up a comprehensive plan and detailed estimate of the cost of refuse and garbage collection, that said committee be directed to review the problem of refuse and garbage disposal and to recommend a site to be acquired for the future construction of a town incinerator, that said committee be authorized to request assistance from the Planning Board, the Board of Public Health and the Finance Committee as and when required, that said committee be directed to submit its report with recommendations to the Town not later than the 1956 Annual Town Meeting, and that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the purposes of said committee.

ARTICLE 81. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Committee established by vote under Article 73 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting and continued by vote under Article 62 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting to study the advisability of naming and marking historical spots within the Town; authorize and instruct said committee to erect a suitable boulder and plaque at the corner of Nehoiden Street and Central Avenue to mark the "Old Center" of the Town; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$250.00 for said purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the committee established by vote under Article 73 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting to study the advisability of naming and marking historical spots within the Town be continued to the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 82. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Town-Owned Lands Committee, established by vote under Article 77 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; and continued by vote under Article 63 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; to authorize and instruct said committee to study the desirability of selling, when vacant, the building on Chestnut Street now occupied by the Veterans of Foreign Wars; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion was presented by Mr. Stewart.

MOVED: That the Town-Owned Lands Committee, established by vote under Article 77 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting be continued to the 1956 Annual Town Meeting; that said committee be instructed to study the desirability of selling, when vacant, the building on Chestnut Street now occupied by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to report to the Town not later than the 1956 Annual Town Meeting with its recommendations.

Mrs. Cutler offered the following amendment which was passed.

VOTED: That the main motion be amended by inserting therein, after the words "the building on Chestnut Street now occupied by the Veterans of Foreign Wars," the words: "and, in the alternative, the advisability of making said building available for use by the Recreation Committee."

The following substitute motion by Mr. John Bailey carried and

it was

VOTED: That the committee established by vote under Article 77 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting to study the feasibility of the sale of Town-owned land be continued; and that said committee be designated as the Town Owned Lands Committee; and that said committee be authorized and instructed to study the advisability of the sale or transfer of town owned properties, including the property on Chestnut Street now occupied by the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and, in the alternative, the advisability of making said building available for use by the Recreation Committee and that said committee report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

Yes 128 — No 48

ARTICLE 83. To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adding the following new paragraph to Section 1 of Article II thereof.

"Special committees established or continued by vote at an annual or special town meeting, and instructed to report to a subsequent annual town meeting, shall file their reports in writing with the Selectmen not later than the first Monday of January preceding the Annual Town Meeting to which they are instructed to report."

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town's General By-Laws be amended by adding the following new paragraph to Section 1 of Article II thereof:

"Special committees established or continued by vote at an annual or special town meeting, and instructed to report to a subsequent annual town meeting, shall file their reports in writing with the Selectmen not later than the first Monday of January preceding the Annual Town Meeting to which they are instructed to report, and said reports shall be printed as appendices to the report of the Finance Committee to the Town at the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 84. To see if the Town will vote to continue the committee established by vote under Article 72 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting and continued by vote under Article 60 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, to study the advisability of constructing a fire department sub-station in the Broad Meadow Road section of the Town; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the committee established by vote under Article 72 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting to study the advisability of constructing a fire department sub-station in the Broad Meadow Road section of the Town be continued to the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 85. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Excess and Deficiency Account to meet, in part, appropriations made by this Town Meeting, and to authorize the Town's Assessors to use such sum as available funds to meet appropriations in their computation of the tax rate for the current year; to take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the sum of \$171,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to meet, in part, appropriations made by this Town Meeting and that the Town's Assessors be and they are hereby authorized to use such sum as available funds to meet appropriations in their computation of the tax rate for the current year.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 86. To see if the Town will vote to transfer into the Excess and Deficiency Account the unexpended balances of appropriations made under special articles at prior Town Meetings in instances where the purposes of the appropriations have been accomplished; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the following unexpended balances of appropriations made under special articles at prior town meetings be transferred into the Excess and Deficiency Account:

Article 1 May 17, 1954 Water Purchase	\$2,400.00
Article 22, 1953 Annual Town Meeting	
Repainting Police and Fire Buildings	1,001.50
Article 3, June 15, 1953 Repairing Police & Fire Buildings	276.00
Article 132, 1952 Annual Town Meeting	
Honor Roll Maintenance	910.09

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 87. To see if the Town will vote to have printed the reports of its officers and committees for the year 1955, the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Meetings in 1955, and the Assessors' valuation list for 1955; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Stewart presented the following motion.

MOVED: That not exceeding 3500 copies of the reports of Town Officers and Departments for 1955 be printed, the same to be made available to citizens of the Town on request, notice of availability to be announced in the press; that not exceeding 500 copies of the proceedings of this meeting and of subsequent town meetings in 1955 be printed; and that the preparation, printing and distribution of all said reports be under the supervision of the Selectmen.

The following substitute motion by Mr. John Wallace carried and

it was

VOTED: That not exceeding 6500 copies of the reports of Town Officers and Departments for 1955 be printed; that one copy of the consolidation of these reports be delivered to each dwelling house in the Town; that not

exceeding 500 copies of the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Meetings in 1955 be printed; the same to be distributed as the Selectmen shall determine; and that the preparation, printing and distribution of all said reports be under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 88. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles, especially to act upon all appropriations asked for, or proposed by, the Selectmen, or any Town officer or committee; to appoint such committees as may be decided upon; and to take action upon any other matters which may properly come before the meeting.

Mr. H. Leslie Cramer presented the following motion.

MOVED: That a committee of five members be appointed by the moderator to study the co-ordination of public school nursing and public health nursing in future years by transferring the amount of the appropriation in the school department budget for school nurses salaries to the board of health budget and the employing of nurses by the board of health to administer the entire nursing program for the town.

Mr. Foss raised a point of order, that the motion is beyond the scope of the article. The chair ruled that the motion was in order. When put to a vote the motion did not pass. The vote was doubted and the Moderator asked for a count of hands. Mr. Herbert Moore was sworn in as a teller to replace Mr. Cramer. The result of the show of hands was

Yes 78 — No 124

Dr. Elbert S. Godfrey presented the following resolution which was passed by a unanimous vote.

RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this meeting that the completion of the bridge on Highland Avenue over Route 128 be expedited and that this sentiment be called to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

Mr. Harold Burr presented the following motion and

it was

VOTED: The efforts of the War Memorial Committee to produce an active and fitting memorial to Needham's War Dead having been nearly completed, we respectfully ask that the Committee be allowed to continue until the final dedication ceremonies of the High School Addition by the Building Committee.

Mr. Stewart presented the following resolution which was adopted.

RESOLVED:

Whereas: Francis James Stanwood in the month of August in the year of our Lord 1908 did take the oath of office as the Veteran's Service Agent in the Town of Needham, Massachusetts, and without interruption, during the past forty-six years, continuously, faithfully, untiringly, and at great personal sacrifice to himself has served his community and the veterans of many wars with distinction and honor to his town and

Whereas: under the law he has been compelled to relinquish his duties to another, thus depriving us of the experienced services and

Whereas: by his humility, cooperation, patience and sympathetic understanding has justifiably earned our respect, deep appreciation and gratitude for his long unselfish service to the citizens of our town

Therefore be it resolved:

That the people of the Town of Needham assembled in its Annual Town Meeting do hereby extend to Francis James Stanwood our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for a long term of accomplishment and

Be it further resolved: that we all wish for him and his family good health and happiness in the years ahead and

Be it further resolved: that this resolution be made a part of the record of this 1955 town meeting and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Francis James Stanwood.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Signed) Edward J. Stewart
Philip F. Foss
Everett C. Cross

The meeting was dissolved at 11:24 P.M. March 28, 1955.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk.

Attest: 

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

OF THE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 14, 1955



NEEDHAM TIMES

1955

RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, November 14, 1955

Pursuant to a warrant signed by the Selectmen on October 27th, 1955, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs met in the Senior High school in said Town on November 14, 1955 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 422 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 214 Town Meeting members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold Putnam, who asked that the Town Meeting Members stand for a moment of silent prayer for two former Town Meeting Members who had passed away on Sunday, Rev. Harry Hamlin Hall and Mr. Owen Webb. The Rev. Harry Kimball was called upon to offer a prayer.

Following this the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

Mr. Frank Bridges, Mr. Gorham Humphrey and Mr. Francis C. Eaton were sworn in as tellers by the Moderator.

It was proposed that debate on any article should be limited to not more than fifteen minutes per speaker and was so voted.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of a new Junior High School building on the land on Harris Avenue in Needham owned by the Town and known as Harris Woods, and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said building; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether in whole or in part by transfer from available funds, from the 1956 tax levy, or by borrowing, and if in part by borrowing whether under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or both; and how said sum shall be expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Robert Granberg, chairman of the committee appointed to study the Junior High School building problem, spoke for his committee outlining the various steps that had been taken. Unanimous consent was given by the Town Meeting Members to permit the architect to address the meeting. Following a debate of more than two and a half hours the following motion was voted upon.

MOVED: That the Town authorize the construction of a new Junior High School building on the land on Harris Avenue in Needham owned by the Town and known as Harris Woods, and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said building, in accordance with the recommendations of the committee established by vote under Article 59 of the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; that the sum of \$1,600,000.00 be raised and appropriated for said construction, including necessary plans, specifications, working drawings and architects' fees, and for said original equipment and furnishings; that the sum of \$20,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and

Deficiency Account for said purposes, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$1,580,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in not more than twenty years, under the authority of and in accordance with Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950 and any other acts amending the same.

A count of hands showed Yes 119 — No 78.

A roll call was taken. The result was Yes 127 — No 84. As this was not the necessary two-thirds vote, the motion was defeated.

Mr. Tattersall asked for reconsideration. A recess was called by the Moderator at this point. Following the recess Mr. Tattersall asked unanimous consent to withdraw his request for reconsideration, which consent was given.

Mr. Haller offered the following motion under Article 1 which was accepted.

VOTED: That the committee established by vote under Article 59 of the 1955 Annual Town Meeting be continued; that said committee be instructed to make a further study of the Junior High School problem and to report with alternate proposals and recommendations to a Special Town Meeting to be held not later than February 1, 1956; and that the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purpose of said Committee.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to establish a building committee, or to constitute the present committee established under Article 59 of the 1955 Annual Town Meeting as a building committee; authorize and direct said committee to supervise the construction and the original equipping and furnishing of the new Junior High School building referred to in Article 1 of this warrant; authorize said committee to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; authorize and direct said committee to take any action necessary to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of constructing said building and originally equipping and furnishing the same, under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to petition the General Court on behalf of the Town for legislation authorizing the use of the Town-owned park land off Harris Avenue in Needham, consisting of seventeen acres more or less and being known as Harris Woods, for school purposes, and providing, further, that on and after the effective date of such legislation, without further acceptance of said legislation by the Town, said land known as Harris Woods shall be available for school purposes and shall be under the same care and control as other school property; or take any other action relative thereto.

No motion was presented under Articles 2 and 3 and the Moderator asked unanimous consent to dismiss these articles. The Town Meeting so voted.

Mr. Peirce asked permission to speak on Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by the heirs of the late Frank Ott and by Frances Gunaris, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by other land of the heirs of Frank Ott and of Frances Gunaris, one hundred sixty-five (165) feet;

Northwesterly by land now or formerly of F. A. McIntosh, six hundred twenty-four (624) feet;

Southwesterly by said McIntosh land, three hundred ten and 2/10 (310.2) feet;

Northwesterly by said McIntosh land, seven hundred fifty-four (754) feet; and

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of E. A. Rimmelle, sixteen hundred fifty (1650) feet.

Be all the measurements more or less. Containing ten (10) acres and four thousand (4000) square feet more or less, and being a part of the premises conveyed to Frank Ott by deed of Benjamin L. Barr et al dated May 19, 1902, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 921, Page 581;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the 1956 tax levy or by borrowing ;or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by the heirs of the late Frank Ott and by Frances Gunaris, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by other land of the heirs of Frank Ott and of Frances Gunaris, one hundred sixty-five (165) feet;

Northwesterly by land now or formerly of F. A. McIntosh, six hundred (600) feet;

Southwesterly by said McIntosh land, three hundred ten and 2/10 (310.2) feet;

Northwesterly by said McIntosh land, seven hundred fifty-four (754) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Glover, two hundred twenty (220) feet; and

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of E. A. Rimmelle, sixteen hundred twenty-five (1625) feet.

Be all the measurements more or less. Containing ten (10) acres and four thousand (4000) square feet more or less, and being a part of the premises conveyed to Frank Ott by deed of Benjamin L. Barr et al dated May 19, 1902, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 921, Page 581;

and that the sum of \$5,500.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purpose of said acquisition.

Yes 180 — No 1

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by Edward A. Rimmelle and Leona M. Rimmelle, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by land of E. A. Rimmelle, two hundred eighteen (218) feet;

Northwesterly by land of the heirs of Frank Ott and of Frances Gunaris, sixteen hundred fifty (1650) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Glover, two hundred ten (210) feet;

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Shaw, nine hundred ninety-four and 9/10 (994.9) feet; and

Southeasterly by land of R. L. Rimmele by two lines, two hundred forty-two and 27/100 (242.27) feet and one hundred eighty-six and 44/100 (186.44) feet respectively.

Be all measurements more or less. Containing six (6) acres and 36,827 square feet more or less, and being a part of the premises conveyed to Edward A. Rimmele and Leona M. Rimmele by deed of Amos H. Shepherdson dated December 9, 1933, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 2012, Page 240;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the 1956 tax levy or by borrowing; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with trees and structures thereon, owned by Edward A. Rimmele and Leona M. Rimmele, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by land of E. A. Rimmele, two hundred twelve (212) feet;

Northwesterly by land of the heirs of Frank Ott and of Frances Gunaris, sixteen hundred twenty-five (1625) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Glover, two hundred ten (210) feet;

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Shaw, nine hundred ninety-four and 9/10 (994.9) feet; and

Southeasterly by land of R. L. Rimmele by two lines, two hundred forty-two and 27/100 (242.27) feet and one hundred sixty-three (163) feet respectively.

Be all the measurements more or less. Containing six (6) acres and 31,500 square feet more or less and being a part of the premises conveyed to Edward A. Rimmele and Leona M. Rimmele by deed of Amos H. Shepherdson dated December 9, 1933, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 2012, Page 240;

and that the sum of \$6,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by Robert L. Rimmele, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northwesterly sideline of Central Avenue distant sixty-three and 27/100 (63.27) feet; Northeasterly from a stone bound at the Northerly end of a curve of one thousand thirty-six and 22/100 (1036.22) feet radius; thence North 74° 03' 36" West a distance of two hundred fifty (250) feet to a point on the property line between land of Robert L. Rimmele and land of Edward A. Rimmele and Leona M. Rimmele; thence North 51° 21' 26" West a distance of one hundred eighty-six and 44/100 (186.44) feet; thence North 50° 49' 52" West a distance of two hundred forty-two and 27/100 (242.27) feet; thence South 67° 48' 06" East a distance of six hundred forty-eight and 50/100 (648.50) feet to

Central Avenue; thence by Central Avenue South $15^{\circ} 56' 24''$ West a distance of ninety-six and $81/100$ (96.81) feet to the point of beginning.

Be all measurements more or less. Containing 52,353 square feet and being a part of the premises described in Land Court Certificate #41902 recorded with Norfolk Registry District, Book 210, Page 102;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the 1956 tax levy or by borrowing; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by Robert L. Rimmele, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northwesternly sideline of Central Avenue distant sixty and $8/100$ (60.08) feet Northeastly from a stone bound at the Northerly end of a curve of one thousand thirty-six and $22/100$ (1036.22) feet radius; thence Northwest a distance of two hundred seventy-five (275) feet to a point on the property line between land of Robert L. Rimmele and land of Edward A. Rimmele and Leona M. Rimmele; thence North $51^{\circ} 21' 26''$ West a distance of one hundred sixty-three (163) feet; thence North $50^{\circ} 49' 52''$ West a distance of two hundred forty-two and $27/100$ (242.27) feet; thence South $67^{\circ} 48' 06''$ East a distance of six hundred forty-eight and $50/100$ (648.50) feet to Central Avenue; and thence by Central Avenue South $15^{\circ} 56' 24''$ West a distance of one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

Be all the measurements more or less. Containing 53,230 square feet more or less and being a part of the premises described in Land Court Certificate #41902, recorded with Norfolk Registry District, Book 210, Page 102;

and that the sum of \$5,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by Helen H. Shaw, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by Central Avenue, two hundred fifty (250) feet;

Southwesterly by land of R. L. Rimmele, six hundred forty-eight and $50/100$ (648.50) feet and by land of E. A. Rimmele, nine hundred ninety-four and $9/10$ (994.9) feet;

Westerly by land now or formerly of Glover Home and Hospital, the line running through the middle of a ditch, one hundred sixty-five (165) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of O. Paduano, one thousand twenty-two and $9/10$ (1022.9) feet;

Northwesterly by said Paduano land, two hundred sixty-four and $15/100$ (264.15) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Horner and of Barlow, two hundred twenty-six and $29/100$ (226.29) feet;

Southwesterly by land of Shaw, four hundred eight (408) feet; and

Southeasterly by land of Shaw two hundred fifty (250) feet.

Be all the measurements more or less. Containing fourteen

(14.00) acres and being a part of the premises described in Land Court Certificate #38947 recorded with Norfolk Registry District, Book 195, Page 147;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the 1956 tax levy or by borrowing; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase for school purposes the fee simple in a certain parcel of land in Needham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, with the trees and structures thereon, owned by Helen H. Shaw, said parcel being bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by Central Avenue, two hundred fifty (250) feet;

Southwesterly by land of R. L. Rimmele, six hundred forty-eight and 50/100 (648.50) feet and by land of E. A. Rimmele, nine hundred ninety-four and 9/10 (994.9) feet;

Westerly by land now or formerly of Glover Home and Hospital, the line running through the middle of a ditch, one hundred sixty-five (165) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of O. Paduano, one thousand twenty-two and 9/10 (1022.9) feet;

Northwesterly by said Paduano land, two hundred sixty-four and 15/100 (264.15) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Horner and of Barlow, two hundred nineteen and 16/100 (219.16) feet;

Southwesterly by land of Shaw, four hundred twenty-five and 75/100 (425.75) feet; and

Southeasterly by land of Shaw, two hundred seventy-seven (277) feet.

Be all the measurements more or less. Containing thirteen and 63/100 (13.63) acres more or less and being a part of the premises described in Land Court Certificate #38947, recorded with Norfolk Registry District, Book 195, Page 147;

and that the sum of \$20,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purpose of said acquisition.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money for Glover Memorial Hospital to be added to the appropriations for Salaries, Building Maintenance, and X-Ray and Laboratories voted under Article 22 of the 1955 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; determine how said sums shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the following amounts be raised and appropriated for the use of Glover Memorial Hospital: \$15,000.00 for Acct. No. 104, Salaries, \$3,000.00 for Acct. No. 105, Building Maintenance, and \$3,000.00 for Acct. No. 109, X-Ray and Laboratory, said sums to be in addition to the amounts appropriated for said purposes by the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; that said sum of \$15,000.00 be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account; and that said two sums of \$3,000.00 each be raised by a transfer of said amounts from the unexpended balance of the appropriation made by the 1955 Annual Town Meeting for "Glover Memorial Hospital, Acct. No. 107, Supplies and Equipment."

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adding a new paragraph to Section 1 of Article I thereof, said new paragraph to read as follows:

The first Monday in January shall be the last date on which the Board of Selectmen shall receive articles, by petition or otherwise, for inclusion in the Warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting. This shall not be deemed, however, to prohibit the Board of Selectmen from inserting in the Warrant for said Annual Town Meeting after that date articles which, in the Board's opinion, are of such importance to the welfare of the Town as to make their consideration at such Meeting necessary or desirable.
or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town's General By-Laws be and they are hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph to Section 1 of Article I thereof:

The first Monday in January shall be the last date on which the Board of Selectmen shall receive articles, by petition or otherwise, for inclusion in the Warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting. This shall not be deemed, however, to prohibit the Board of Selectmen from inserting in the Warrant for said Annual Town Meeting after that date articles which, in the Board's opinion, are of such importance to the welfare of the Town as to make their consideration at such Meeting necessary or desirable.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Kearney Road;

Westerly by Gould Street (1953 Layout);

Easterly and Southerly by land now manufacturing district.

or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town's Zoning Map be and the same is hereby amended by changing from a single residence district to a manufacturing district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Kearney Road;

Westerly by Gould Street (1953 Layout);

Easterly and Southerly by land now manufacturing district.

Yes 163 — No 33

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Laws by inserting therein a new Section 14A, to read as follows:

Section 14A. Illuminated signs shall be permitted as accessory uses on premises used for business and manufacturing purposes, but subject, however, to the following limitations, restrictions and prohibitions:—

1. A sign shall include only the name of the person or company operating the business or factory and the trade-mark, if any, of such person or company, and shall be erected or placed only upon the building or roof of the building to which it relates.

2. No letter in a sign shall exceed seven feet in height. No sign shall project more than nine feet above the top of the highest exterior wall of the building or, in any event, more than forty-nine feet above the ground. No sign shall have an overall length exceeding fifty feet.

3. No sign shall be erected or used which is of the travelling light, animated or flashing light types.

4. Gaseous tube type signs shall not exceed thirty-two square feet in area. Signs of such type may be of larger area, subject to the restrictions of paragraph No. 2 above, provided they are illuminated by reflected or silhouette type lighting. No gaseous tube type sign shall have an intensity greater than one foot-candle at four feet from the sign.

5. The illumination of signs shall be restricted to the period daily from seven o'clock in the morning to eleven o'clock in the evening, except that this restriction shall not apply to retail establishments during such hours as they are open to the public.

6. The foregoing limitations, restrictions and prohibitions, except those included in paragraph No. 3 above, shall not apply to signs not exceeding eight feet in length and three feet in height. or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be and the same are hereby amended by inserting therein a new Section 14A, reading as follows:

Section 14A. Illuminated signs shall be permitted as accessory uses on premises used for business and manufacturing purposes, but subject, however, to the following limitations, restrictions and prohibitions:—

1. A sign shall include only the name of the person or company operating the business or factory and the trademark, if any, of such person or company, and shall be erected or placed only upon the building or roof of the building to which it relates or upon the ground at a point not less than fifteen feet nor more than twenty feet from the building to which it relates.

2. No letter in a sign shall exceed seven feet in height. No sign upon a building or on the roof of a building shall project more than nine feet above the top of the highest exterior wall of the building, or, in any event, more than forty-nine feet above the ground, nor shall it have an overall length exceeding fifty feet. No sign erected upon the ground shall exceed a height of twelve feet above the ground or have an overall length exceeding twenty-four feet.

3. No sign shall be erected or used which is of the travelling light, animated or flashing light types.

4. Gaseous tube type signs shall not exceed thirty-two square feet in area. Signs of such type may be of larger area, subject to the restrictions of paragraph No. 2 above, provided they are illuminated by reflected or silhouette type lighting. No gaseous tube type sign shall have an intensity greater than one foot-candle at four feet from the sign.

5. The illumination of signs shall be restricted to the period daily from seven o'clock in the morning to eleven o'clock in the evening, except that this restriction shall not apply to retail establishments during such hours as they are open to the public.

6. The foregoing limitations, restrictions and prohibitions, except those included in paragraph No. 3 of this Section, shall not apply to signs not exceeding eight feet in length and three feet in height.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to change the number of Selectmen from three to five: the additional members to be elected at the Annual Town Election in 1956; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the number of members of the Board of Selectmen be increased from three to five, such increase to take effect at the Annual Town Election in 1956; that at said Annual Town Election in 1956 three Selectmen shall be elected, as follows; one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years; and that thereafter, as the term of each Selectman expires, his successor shall be elected for a term of three years.

Yes 110 — No 79

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money for the Public Works Department to be added to the appropriations for Salaries, Expenses and Capital Outlay voted under Article 22 of the 1955 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; determine how said sums shall be raised, whether by transfer from unexpended balances or other available funds, or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: That the following amounts be raised and appropriated for the use of the Public Works Department: \$4,200.00 for Acct. No. 94, Capital Outlay, \$16,500.00 for Acct. No. 90, Salaries, and \$1,500.00 for Acct. No. 91, Expenses, said sums to be in addition to the amounts appropriated for said purposes by the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; and that said total be transferred from the unexpended balance of the appropriation made by the 1955 Annual Town Meeting for Acct. No. 100, "Watermains, New and Replacement," for said purposes.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the Town will take regarding the proposed sale of the Newton Water Works Reservation Lands by the City of Newton.

VOTED: That there is hereby created a committee of nine members for the purpose of negotiating with the City of Newton and bidders for its land lying in the Town of Needham to secure a portion of such land for public purposes and to make recommendations to the Planning Board and to the March 1956 town meeting concerning rezoning of such portions of the Newton water lands as should be made available for private purposes.

The committee is hereby constituted as follows: The Board of Selectmen and its representative on the Recess Commission on the Charles River Water Lands, the Town Moderator, the Town Counsel, a representative of the Planning Board to be designated by said Board, a representative of the Special Parks and Recreation Committee to be designated by said Committee, a representative of the Finance Committee to be designated by said Committee, and a representative of the Charles River Lands Committee to be designated by said Committee.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The meeting was dissolved at 11:20 P.M. November 14, 1955.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,
Town Clerk.

Attest:

